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AYLMER, ONT., CAN.

March 27--David and Ida Mae Wagler, Joseph and Iva Mae Wagler arrived on Sat. eve. at Joe Gaschos'. They attended church the next day at Gerald Hochstetlers'. Also Joe and Millie Eicher of Dixon, Mo. were present, who are visiting in the parental Jacob Eicher home a few weeks. David Waglers came with the intentions to attend the annual Pathway meeting which is to be held on Wed., March 28.

A bad flu is making its round. The victims most likely have it a week and then are left in a weakened condition.

On Sat. morn. a van load left for different parts of Mich. Harvey Wengards and Peter Stolls were to Clare to visit relatives, and Luke Gascho to Mio. Ervin Millers, Daniel Jantzi, Willis Bender and Gideon Stoll went to Charlotte to visit Harvey Miller over the weekend.

Vernon Chupp of Shipshewana, Ind. was a caller at Gerald Hochstetler's inquiring about goats on Sat.

Mrs. Ike Stoltzfus and dau. Katie and Kathleen Jantzi were to Pa. last week to attend a quilting. Nora Zimmerman returned home with them on Fri. eve. Ross Stewart was their driver.

We had welcome visitors for overnight last night, the Floyd Chupps of Spencer, Wi. Adin Millers and dau. Carol of Belle Center, Ohio and Clarence Yoders and 2 children of Spencer were at David Benders' and William Millers of Spencer were at Jerry Millers'. These all traveled together to Pa. for the wedding of Mattie Bender and Sam Kauffman and stopped here enroute home.

Cephas Kauffmans, Albert Yoders and Wesley Yoders of Kalona, Iowa also arrived at David Benders' Mon. night, coming from the above named wedding. Alberts want to leave for home this noon taking Abner Waglers with them. Abners will come back with the driver when he comes to fetch Cephas and Wesleys.

On Tues. all the above-named visitors plus Wayne Benders and our family gathered at Dad Bender's for a family gathering before the visitors leave.

Harold Stoll Family

MILVERTON, ONT., CANADA

March 26--Cold and snowy again this morning.

Yesterday church services in Southwest dist. were held at Aaron Kuepfers' by Peter Kuepfers and Bish. Levi Streicher. Middle dist. was at Joe W. Albrechts'.

Mrs. Katie Kuepfer had not been feeling well for several weeks, so she went to the doctor last Monday. He wanted her to go to the hospital for tests and x-rays. They have not found anything serious yet, so they let her come home for the weekend. She is supposed to have one more test tomorrow.

Reuben, son of Aaron and Phoebe Kuepfer was in the hospital 6 days last week with infection in his foot from stepping into a nail.

Alvin, son of David and Suzie Zehr, was also in the hospital after getting a bad gash in his wrist from a broken window pane. He had some tendons cut and it is not certain if he will have full use of his hand.

Elmer Kuepfer had also been in the hospital for over a week now. They took about 1 litre of fluid from his lung the first time, and a smaller amount later on. They also took a bone marrow test.

David Ebersol's infant son had been losing weight and has been in the hospital for a while now.

Mark and Susan Streicher have a baby girl, which makes Levi and Catherine Streicher grandparents. Cornelious and Marie Kuepfer are the other grands. Sam and Edith Kipfer have a daughter too. Grandparents are Alvin and Esther Kuepfer and Noah and Selena Kipfer.

On Friday a load of the Streicher relation spent the day at Aylmer.

Early this morning Aaron Waglers, Mrs. Lydia Kuepfer and Amos and Marie Kuepfer, intended to leave for Pa. with Joel Waglers. David K. Kuepfer

ST. MARY'S, ONT., CANADA

Lakeside Dist.

March 26--Temp. at 20 to 24° in the morning and snow squalls during the day. Nice sunny days but a cold wind.

David Hershberger family from Mt. Elgin had supper with her sister, the Eli Petersheims on Thurs. evening.

Sam Hertzler was to Lucknow last week to help in a furniture shop.

Joe Eichers from Dixon, Mo. and Jake Eichers from Aylmer had dinner with Enos Yoders on Fri.

Mrs. Elmer Yoder

DESBORO, ONT., CANADA

March 26--East dist. church was held at the writer's place yesterday. To be at John J. Stutzmans' next. Attending from west were Bish. Sam L. Swartzentruber and Pre. Andy J. Miller.

Had a lot of rain on Thurs. p.m. and by Fri. morn. the ground was white. Had some flurries all day Fri. and some Sat. Coldest last week was 10 on Fri. morn. and 8 on Sat. morn.

Sap came really swift on Wed., the first heavy run for this season. Came all that night, so everybody who tapped had

lots to do. Prices are up one dollar from last year, to \$33.00 for a 4 liter size (slightly more than 1 U.S. gallon),

Mrs. Joe A. Miller attended church yesterday for the first time since her last operation which was 2 months ago. She feels about as good as she did just before that operation and is doing a fair amount of work again.

Wedding invitations were received recently for the upcoming wedding in Freeport, Ohio which is to be on April 5, of Enos E. Mast (formerly of here) and Edna (Josie) Yoder. Ezra J. Masts and dau. Ida have plans to leave a week from today.

Sam R. Yoders are the parents of a dau. since March 19, this being their first, putting them on the parent list. Grands are Ezra J. Masts of here and Josie R. Yoders of Freeport, Ohio area. This little miss arrived just 2 days before their first year wedding anniversary.

Noah J. Stutzman

NORWICH, ONT., CAN.

Mar. 29--Real March weather. Some are plowing for about 2 weeks. Maple syrup is still being cooked. There was a good run yet this week.

West church is to be at the writer place on April 8. East dale is at Gideon M. Millers'.

A girl named Susie was born to Albert M. Millers. Grands are Levi J. Stutzman and Mose J. Millers. She was born on March 19.

There was children's estate sale 2 weeks ago for Levi E. Millers, deceased. All the children and some grandchildren attended. Today was the estate sale of Miss Emma E. Miller. Attending from a distance are Bish. Dan A. Millers and some of their married children from Ashland, Ohio; also Noah Stutzmans and some children from Lucknow, Ont. Dans are leaving for home in the morning.

Making a 15-minute stop here Wednesday p.m. was Budget scribe, Harry Troyer of Prattsburg, N.Y. He was to Gladwin, Mich. to a funeral of his great-uncle. He wanted to stop at Pre. Enos Yoder's at Mt. Elgin before returning home.

Today was moving day for Pre. Dan G. Millers. They moved up where son Elis moved out 2 weeks ago. Elis moved to Norwich Tile plant where he is working. Dans have just rented the buildings and expect to work away for the time being.

Jonas J. Miller

LINWOOD, ONT., CANADA

March 26--Spring is temporarily on "hold" while winter gives us a final vigorous dusting off. Syrup producers had a light run again last week and hoping for another when this blows over.

Uncle Elmer is still in hospital hoping to come home this week. Neighbor ladies are helping care for Aunt Katie. Last night Mom and Mrs. Menno Wagler took their turn until late this afternoon, two others will take over.

On Thursday Sam Byler of Fort Plain, N.Y. and Mose W. Byler of Dewittville, N.Y. were here, and while they waited on us to get a diesel engine ready, they took a side trip to Kitchener, Waterloo stockyards sale. Officially it is now "Ontario Livestock Exchange," but to us old-timers it is still the stockyards. They were gone over noon, so when they came back we asked them if they found something good to eat. They said that they think it will do until they get back to the U.S.A. and get some decent food.

There are several restaurants and snack stands at the stockyards. I don't know where these fellows got theirs but I suspect that perhaps they got the goat milk ice cream.

Elmer Kuepfer

AYLMER, ONTARIO, CANADA

April 3--A daughter Malinda was born to Harold Stolls' on March 31, weighing 6-3. She has 2 sisters and 1 brother. Grands are David Benders and Stephen Stolls. Great-grands are Nancy Gascho and Anna Stoll, Aylmer, and Henry Bender and Sam Mast of Kalona.

When the Kalona van arrived in Aylmer, two days before the Pathway meeting, a death message was here of an 8-year-old boy in Kalona. So they left Cephas Kauffmans and Wesley Yoders here, took Abner Waglers and Jerry Millers along and went on to Kalona where Jerrys and 3 children stayed to attend the wedding of his nephew. Abners went on business, to make plans on how to make Pete Yoder's house (Petes won't be moving until May). Abners then came back with the driver again when he came to get Cephas and Wesleys. This load had attended a wedding in Pa. on the previous Sat.

On the Ind. load for the meeting and to visit were Jerome and Alva Rabers, Jake Eicher's sisters Mary and Katie and niece Loreen Swartzentruber, all of Daviess. From LaGrange were John Lambright, Sherman Schrock and Eli Gingerich. Everyone left for home the day after the meeting.

Jake Eicher was too tired to be pushed up by wheelchair to the printshop to attend the meeting, the first time he missed. Also on Sun. was the first he couldn't go along to the "abrot" as there was no room to have it downstairs. Joe Eichers of Dixon stayed a few days longer than planned on account of the bus strike. Their help was greatly appreciated as Martha Eicher (who cares for her parents) had the flu which put her sugar off balance. Martha is a lot better again but Jake and Lydia are under doctor's care.

Mrs. Omar Eicher needs gallstone surgery this week. In Jan. they had a baby and 10 days later major surgery. It is also their son, Ben who has been fighting leukemia for over 7 yrs. Today is Ben's 12th birthday.

Polly Anna Stoll

LINWOOD, ONT., CANADA

April 2--It's a mild, misty April morning. Showers off and on since Friday are bringing a green tinge to the grass.

Council church was held yesterday at Leonard Waglers'. Sermons were by Menno Albrecht and Sam Jantzi, text by Israel Kuepfer.

Uncle Elmer did not come home from the hospital last week as had been hoped. We, along with Menno Waglers, were in to visit him Wed. eve., found him feeling better, but has apparently lost some weight. They were still taking more tests.

Mom and I, with grandson Elmer Albrect (age 5), left early Thurs. morning, Ohio bound. Driving was Floyd Horst with Harvey's truck, as Harvey was not well enough recovered from pneumonia to take the trip himself. First stops were in Middlefield area. We then found blacksmith Levi E. Millers settled in their new location on Highway 528 near 87, and they kindly made early supper, then we went on to New Wilmington, Pa. We were overnight guests at Ura Hochstetlers', then made some calls in that area before heading for Holmes County, Ohio.

After a visit with editor George Smith at The Budget in Sugarcreek, we made tracks until it was bedtime at Abe J. Hochstetlers'. Next morning we were out early to claim our spot at Kidron Machinery auction. We pulled out in mid-afternoon, picked up our return load at Pioneer Equipment, and headed for home, arriving well after midnight, having been delayed somewhat by fog.

Elmer Kuepfer

NEWTON, ONT., CAN.

March 26--Snowflurries and colder.

Larry Wayne is the name Steven and Mary Kuepfer chose for their baby boy.

John and Ada Miller of Hadley, Pa., Sylvie Yoder and Katie Otto were at our church Sun. eve., March 18. Peter Jantzi had first part and John had the main sermon. Also had some attending from surrounding churches.

The Streicher and Kuepfer families gathered at Gravelridge to celebrate Ivan and Maryann Streicher's 25th wedding anniversary. They will be married 25 years on April 6th. Their children planned this special event for them. They have 7 children, Kevin, married to Ellen Steckly; Paul, Ruth, Maynard, Marvin, Leona and Laura. 79 enjoyed a carry-in dinner.

Joel, Lydiann, Aaron and Fannie Wagler and Lydia Kuepfer left this morn. for Lanc. Co., Pa. to visit their parents, Solomon and Sally Wagler.

Mrs. Allan Streicher

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ST. MARY'S, ONT., CANADA**Lakeside Dist.**

April 2--Church council meeting yesterday at John L. Stutzmans' with plans to have communion in two weeks at Jonas Hertzlers'.

Our visitors in church were Mose W. Borntrager and wife from LaPlata, Mo. and Wilbur Yoder and wife from Bloomfield, Iowa and Martha, Mary and Hannah Stoll from Aylmer, Ont.

Mose Borntragers and Wilbur Yoders came to Mose's sister, the Alvin Yoders' Sat. eve. Alvins brought them here a call Sun. eve. and to David Grabers' for supper and Alvins for the night. Plans were to leave for Mt. Elgin this morn. to visit Mose's parents, brothers and sisters for a week.

Alvin and Elizabeth Yoder, with more of her brothers from Mt. Elgin, had been to Bowling Green, Mo. over the 25th to attend the funeral of their grandfather, Sam R. Bontrager.

Sam A. Yoder and Elmer Hertzler were helping with chores in Mt. Elgin while others were in Mo.

Mrs. Elmer Yoder

CHESLEY, ONT., CANADA

April 5--Cool damp weather this week with snowflurries daily. This weather is not unusual for this area, although we hear people say it's funny weather and is caused by polluting our atmosphere. An excerpt from our local paper proves it otherwise. 80 years ago the temp. rose to 80° the first part of March, by March 19th a snowstorm brought them good sleighing and by the 26th the dust was flying again.

West church is to be at Menno Stutzmans' on Easter Sunday.

Andy J. Hostetlers of Medina arrived here last evening to visit their son and others.

Born to Levi J. Yoders, a son named Ura on April 2nd.

Monday was the private funeral of Edward Povelofskie, 26-year-old son of Lyle Povelofskie of the Mooresburg area. He took his life with a gun.

Tom Knapp, well-known to some former Canadians, is sentenced to 5 mo. in jail for a number of offences.

Killer horses are selling up to 75¢ for the best. Kitchener Sales sells approximately 125 per week. In western Canada they have feed lots where they feed colts

that come from these water line farms. That seems like a high price for horse meat when top steers on the hoof in Toronto sell at 88¢.

Feeder pigs are selling as high as \$1.10 per lb. again.

Today was the sale of Reg. Knapp's dairy herd. The top cow went to \$1,575 and her 2-month-old heifer calf went to \$375. Most cows sold from \$1,000 and up.

They claim with the free trade system with the U.S. our milk quota will have no value in a few years. Cream quota is almost at that point now.

Noah Stutzman

AYLMER, ONT., CANADA

April 9--Nice spring-like weather and some early peas are planted. Men are getting ready to sow oats.

Nora Zimmerman had the privilege again to entertain 6 maiden ladies of Elmira area from Fri. eve. to Mon. noon. They slept nights in Nora's little house with the floor space all taken up. They also attended church services at John Weilers' on Sunday.

Visitors in West dist. at Daniel Miller Jrs' were Wilbur Yoders of Bloomfield, Ia. and Helen Loewen of Nova Scotia. Helen used to work at Joe Stolls' a few years ago with vegetables, so she was a welcome visitor there over the weekend. Her brother Daniel brought her down when he came for some supplies.

The big news here at our house is the arrival of a little baby girl named Mal-

inda. She was born March 31 and weighed 6 lbs. 3 oz. She has 1 bro. and 2 sisters. Grandparents are Stephen Stolls and David Benders.

Mrs. Omar (Ida) Eicher had a gall-bladder operation on Thurs. and was hoping to be released today. Two months earlier she had major surgery done when their baby was 10 days old. Their son Ben is still taking chemo treatments every week.

Churches on April 22nd to be at Peter Stolls' and Solomon Herrforts' and at Elmo Stolls' the 29th.

The Harold Stoll family

PEIERSBURG, ONT. CANADA

April 2--Frosty mornings and sunny days. The weather has been favorable for maple syrup activities at the home of Paul and Fern Huber. They report a fairly good yield. Grades 1-6 pupils from Cornerstone School enjoyed a trip to the sugar bush one day to see where the sap comes from and to see how it is processed into syrup.

Revival meetings have been in progress at Calton, Ontario. Bro. John Weins of Danskin, B.C. has been the evangelist.

Spring Bible Conferences are to be held over the Easter weekend, at New Hamburg church and at Brookside Church. Bro. Mark Torkelson from Mount Airy, Maryland is guest speaker at New Hamburg and bro. Steven Zook of Pa. is guest speaker at Brookside.

Sister Ella Grove has plans to fly to Alberta on April 3 to visit her daughter Dixie and Roy Torkelson and family at Tilley, Alberta. Ray and Dixie's one daughter has leukemia and is in stable condition.

The Carl Huber family of Mine Centre, Ont., were recent visitors in our area.

A family gathering was enjoyed one evening at the home of Arnold and Carol Good. The Hubers spent a few busy days visiting relatives and friends before returning to Northern Ont.

Mrs. Elsie Snider spent the weekend in Elida, Ohio visiting her son Clair and family.

Ken Groves were awakened from sleep early on Sunday morning by a tooting car horn of a passing motorist, to discover that their one greenhouse was in flames. Fortunately most of the potted plants and transplanted plants had been moved to the other greenhouse which was saved. Friends are there this morning to help in cleaning up and rebuilding. A wood fire apparently became too hot.

Aaron & Mary Good

DAWSON CREEK, B.C. CANADA

April 4--The weather has been nice for the last 2 weeks. The snow is just about all gone.

Some early trees are starting to bud, also the lilacs bushes. We don't start the garden before May. The men are getting the machinery ready to work in the field.

The women butchered 600 broilers today. Some weighed up to 6 or 7 lbs. They sell good. They also want to cook soap. We need a lot since we have hard water. Some other colonies are giving us some old land to use.

Last week 5 of us women were up north of Fort St. John, 20 miles, to a German lady. She washes wool and cards it to make woolen quilt and sleeping bags. She also has a weaving machine and makes woolen rugs. She dyes wool too. She bought some black wool from us. She has machinery to do it all. We also make woolen quilts and card our own wool, but ours is homemade and smaller than her's. We sheared our sheep 3 weeks ago. Ridge Valley Colony helped us and we helped them. We have 500 sheep.

Mrs. Mary P. Hofer

LINWOOD, ONT., CANADA

April 9--The ½ barrel of water outside Mom's little greenhouse had a 1 1/8" coat of very hard water yesterday morning. Not so cold this morning.

Uncle Elmer was released from hospital and is recuperating at his daughter Fannie (Reuben J. Kuepfers'). Aunt Katie's condition has been deteriorating into more restless and at times violent behaviour, dangerous to herself and others. She is presently in a place for such people where she can be better cared for. We don't know what the future holds, but there is the hope that if her condition improves in future, she could perhaps be cared for again at home.

Kenneth Albrechts have a new little girl at their house. They have named her Elsie. She was born April 4th.

Announced to be married are Danny Kipfer (Noahs) and Isabelle Albrecht (Reubens). This will be the 2nd last of Noah's children to be married and the first of Reubens.

James Albrecht has bought the 60 acres land across the road from his Dad's (Chris Albrechts) and is presently erecting a driving shed and/or shop.

There is a card here in front of me that reads--"The way to be seen is to stand up, the way to be heard is to speak up, the way to be appreciated is to shut up."

Now why did that have to turn up, just when I was ready to go on and on?

Elmer Kuepfer

BAY TREE, ALBERTA, CANADA

March 26--The warm weather has made its return once again.

Kent Torkelson from LaGrande, Oregon was here for several days over the weekend of March 10 visiting his brother, Kelvin. Kent had been logging at Burns Lake, B.C. over the winter and accompanying him on his visit was Joe Unrah, a friend of Kent's from Burns Lake. Another visitor that Sunday was Charlene Daurie and her baby, from Dawson Creek. She is a young part-native woman with a very bad background. She came out to spend the day with Jess Peachey's. Joel and Lorna Martin from Stirling, Alberta were also here over the weekend visiting Joel's family, the Lester Martins.

David Bergen Jr., who had been logging for Jon Peachey at Fort Nelson, B.C. was in the area for several days before accompanying his brother Dan up north to Rainbow Lake, Alberta. Dan and David plan to spend the summer working in the oil fields for their uncle, Bill Giesbrecht.

Chad Sadlier also spent several days in the area before returning to his logging job at Fort Nelson.

On March 23 Norma Martin took the bus to Edmonton. She plans to spend several weeks there, helping her son Ben and his lady friend after the arrival of a grandson, Travis Lee. The baby was born with the spinal cord growing on the outside of his back instead of on the inside. It is hopeful that surgery will correct the problem.

Rose Marie Chicoine and her six children from Prince George, B.C. spent four days with the Peachey's from March 22-25. Rose was a girl with a bad home situation who lived with the Peachey family for two years. She later married, and had three small children when her young husband was killed in a tragic sawmill accident. Several years after his death she married a divorced man with three children of his own.

Twila Peachey is now working in the Dawson Creek Hospital two days a week, where she practices what she is learning in her nurse's training.

Lucinda Peachey

MOSSLEY, ONT., CANADA

April 1--On March 13 the wife and I and dau. Lydia left via Greyhound for Tomah, Wis. where we attended the wedding at Chris M.B.'s of their dau. Edna and nephew Ammon Miller. We came home on Tues. the 20th.

Thurs. eve. we got word from Bowling Green, Mo. that my grandfather Sam R. Borntrager died with funeral being the 25th. My parents and bro. Amos and I left via Greyhound on Friday a.m. for B.G. and got there Sat. p.m.

Others from here leaving for the funeral by van late Friday eve. were Sam B.'s, Chris B.'s, Solomon Swarey, Katie and Mary B., Phineas B.'s, Rudy B.'s and Alvin Yoders from Lakeside.

The van load arrived in Bowling Green Sat. noon and left for home Mon. morn. Amos and I left for home Mon. eve. and got home Wed. morn. We didn't have the best of connections on account of the Greyhound drivers' strike.

Some plowing has been done last week. We moved a building home from the former Henry Miller farm on Thurs.

Today West ordnungs gma was held at John Millers' with intentions for communion in 2 weeks at David Kauffmans'.

Toby Kauffmans baby had his operation and is home and doing fine. I understood they took his skull apart and sort of reshaped it as it was extra long. He seems to be a happy boy.

Aaron Yoder of Granton, Wis. arrived in the area the first part of the week and left for Toronto Wed. to Shouldice Clinic for a hernia operation. He returned to Toby Kauffmans' Sat. eve. and spent the day there yet.

Wm. W.B. Jrs. are the parents of a boy named Joe since March 29th. A brother for Aaron and Katie. Grands are Wm. C.B.'s and Enos Yoders.

A son was born to David and Martha Borntrager last night April 1 named Samuel D.R.B. He has 5 brothers. Grands are Wm. C.B.'s and Levi Millers.

Clemens Borntrager

ELMIRA, ONT., CANADA

April 2--All traces of snow have disappeared. So far the maple syrup crop has been very light and the prospect for more this spring is rather bleak.

On Feb. 26th Lloyd and Alice Brubacher were blessed with their sixth child, third son, named Bruce. Grandparents are Levi Brubachers and Mrs. Orval Martin.

Sometime in mid-March Gerald and Joy Ann Bauman welcomed their first-born to their family and named her Amy Ruth. Grandparents are Newton Baumans and Walter Freemans.

Noah and Darlene Martin welcomed their second child, first daughter on March 11, named Katrina Janelle. Grandparents are Owen Martins and Laverne Webers.

On March 12 Clayton and Miriam Martin were blessed with their second child, first daughter named Julianne. Grandparents are Leander R. Martins and Orlan W. Martins.

Larry and Anne Wideman of the Beachburg community welcomed their firstborn named Jason. Grandparents are Menno Widemans of that community and Vernal Martins in our area.

Noah Shantz, a multiple sclerosis patient, is a little better currently and attended Montrose church on Sunday.

Jacob Weber and Edgar Bauman brought the messages at Montrose and Levi Martin read the text.

My dad, Amzie, hasn't attended church within the last month due to his heart condition, but he attended regularly this winter up to that point.

I met Lloyd Martin, husband to Dorothy (who is my wife's aunt) at Frieburgers last week and he was quite happy to share the doctor's assessment of Dorothy's health condition. She underwent chemotherapy treatments for leukemia some time before Christmas. According to the doctor her blood tests were clear and she feels well and can do her work again.

Mrs. Sidney (Valina) Martin also has leukemia but she needs blood transfusions every three weeks, then feels well for two weeks and the week before the next transfusion she doesn't feel as well. But she is able to attend church regularly and also goes visiting some.

My neighbors, the Robert and Larry Bauman families, are trading houses this week. Larry (Robert's son) and his family have lived in a newer house on the corner of Robert's farm for at least ten years since he quit his trucking job and assumed the role of a dairy farmer. Larry rents the farm from his dad and if I'm not mistaken owns the animals and I'm sure they will enjoy walking to the barn to do their chores, rather than jumping into a vehicle and driving to the barn.

Mrs. George Brubacher was living in the doddy house in the farmhouse with her single daughter Jean until her (Mrs. George's) death about a year ago. Jean is now planning to live in a trailer close to Robert's newer house at the corner of the farm.

Cleon Bauman

DESBORO, ONT., CANADA

April 13--Weather was more winter-like recently with squalls on Wed. and Thurs. Had almost 1 inch on ground, which melted yesterday p.m. The ground was frozen the last 3 days or so, so the sap will run again. Has been a fairly skimpy season, only coming a few days at a time, but still adds up quite a bit. A few have taken off their sap pails, thinking it's over.

East church was held at John J. Stutzmans' last Sunday. To be at David A. Hostetlers' next. West to be at Menno J. Stutzmans' on Sunday.

It will be 2 weeks tomorrow that my 2 youngest brothers arrived in the area from Medina Co., Ohio. Jonathan stayed until Thurs. morning and Dan and his wife will stay for the summer if plans hold out.

Andy Hostetlers of same place arrived here Wed. eve. a week ago to be with their son and family, David A.H.'s. They plan to leave tomorrow morning for home.

Bish. Joe A. Millers and possibly Joe Lydia left yesterday morning for the Heuvelton, N.Y. area to visit with the women's father, old Levi L. Shetler Sr., and attend the wedd. at Ben L. Shetlers' next week.

Old Dan Lisbet attended church last time for the first time in quite awhile.

Head lice have made an unpleasant visit in East schoolhouse, or with several families whose pupils attend there. As far as we know they are coming under control fairly well now.

Recent births are a dau. Mattie to Emery J. Weavers on March 26. Grands are Sam A. Miller of Fredericksburg, Ohio and Joe A. Millers of here.

Also a son Ura to Levi J. Yoders' on April 2. Grands are Mrs. Joe P. Yoder of here and Mrs. Jake Lizzie in Ethridge, Tenn. area.

Noah Stutzman

LINWOOD, ONT., CAN.

April 16--It was a cold week. Several mornings the ice was over an inch thick in the barrel outside Mom's little greenhouse.

Communion yest. was at bro. Lloyds'. Main part was by Bish. Joe Kuepfer. The other speakers were Bish. Joe K. Jantzi and ministers Sam Jantzi and Menno Albrecht. Bish. Joe Kuepfer has just recovered from a session with a very painful back.

Jonas Kuepfer is recovering from pneumonia. Leah's mother has a cough and was to the doctor yest. morning. Now has to take more fluid pills and Leah has her cough back again, going for another round. This writer had an appointment last Tues. for a nose operation (polyps) but had to cancel because of a bad cold.

Aunt Katie had a tumble at Knollcrest Lodge in Milverton and broke her hip. She is now in Stratford Hosp. Mrs. Allan Kuepfer (Laura) is presently home from the hosp. and planning to go to Calif. soon for an operation.

A mistake in last week's letter. The property where Albrechts are building, is

still Chrises', and has not been sold to James.

Thought for today, "The really happy man is the one who can enjoy the scenery when he has to take a detour."

Well, let me tell you about the last time we had to take a detour. A diesel engine on the back of the truck, fell over and was damaged. Grandson Elmer, who was along, got sick and lost his breakfast. We got somewhat lost and drove extra miles. Then when we got to where we wanted to be, the man we wanted to see had just left.

We did enjoy the scenery, which was Holmes Co. hills. We did not realize then that we were "really happy."

Elmer Kuepfer

LUCKNOW, ONT., CANADA

April 17--We got some snow on the ground this morn.

Church was at Joe Jr. Shetlers' on Sun. in S. dist. Is to be at Henry L. Millers' in N. Dist. on Sunday.

Recent visitors in the area were Melvin J. Shetlers and son Emanuel and Joe of Norwich. They were at Dad's the same weekend as Joe J. Shetlers of N.Y. were. Mrs. Eli E. Swartzentruber and dau. Fannie of Norwich were at Dan E. Swartzentrubers' over last weekend.

Henry M. Shetlers returned to their home in Norwich. Mrs. Joe L. Miller and dau. Lizzie went to Norwich.

William J. Shetlers were in N.Y. to attend the wedding at Eli J. Yoders'.

Noah J. Shetler (Joni), 17, and his 2 youngest brothers had gone to the neighbors to catch pigeons when Noah fell 40 ft. from a silo where the ladder broke off where he was on. He has a broken leg, nose and collarbone and a dislocated shoulder. They had to bone graft on his leg. They said he has to stay a week in the hospital. His address is: Rt. 1, Lucknow, Ont., Canada N0G 2H0.

Menno L. Millers moved in close to Goderich to work for a dairy farmer. Eli L. Miller moved on the place beside the sawmill at John J. Shetlers' and will help at the sawmill.

Some have planted some garden.

Dan and Mary Byler

ST. MARY'S, ONT., CAN.**Lakeside District**

April 16--Our weather stays rather cool with light rains, then sunny days.

Our communion was held yest. in the Jonas Hertzler home with a few members missing. Rufus Yoders had sick children and Mrs. Henry Troyer and baby had stayed in Marlette, Mich. with her mother Mrs. Ed Petersheim, who had a few strokes lately.

Henry Troyers and Eli Petersheims went out to Marlette, Mich. Fri. afternoon and all returned home on Sat. except Mrs. Henry Troyer. I understood she'll come home on Wed.

Menno Lengachers from Ind. made a brief call with their cousin John L. Stutzman (Catherine) on Sat.

Yost Yoder Katie and dau. Rosanna and Eli Petersheim Mattie, with Dittles as driver, went to Mt. Elgin last Tues., then with their mother Ella and sisters Susie and Ella went down to Aylmer sale barn and a few other stops.

This morning one of the Gascho van

drivers was to pick up some of the young folks, namely, Daniel, Reuben, Catherine, Esther (David) Graber, Elmer, Sam Lydia, Sadie (Jonas) Hertzler, Noah, Laura (John Henry) Coblenz, Sam, Amanda, Mary (Alvin) Yoder and Martha (Mrs. Elizabeth) Hochstetler to go to Marlette, Mich. to visit the Noah Troyers for the day. Mrs. Elmer Yoder

MOSSLEY, ONT., CAN.

April 16--Had a damp week last week with an inch of rain.

Yest. communion was held at David Kauffmans' for both districts.

Not much field work done yet. A few have plowed some.

Bro. Mose and his wife from LaPlata, Mo. and Wilbur Yoders from Bloomfield, Ia. arrived in this area April 2 and spent most of the week around here. Moses took a series of chiropractor treatments in London and were then in E. ordnungs gma last Sunday. Wilburs were in Aylmer a few days and over Sunday, then they both left for home Mon. morning.

Levi Millers and Mrs. Phineas Bornreger and 2 children went to Marlette, Mich. on the 6th and came home on the 9th.

John and Joni Millers received word that Mrs. Ed Petersheim had a stroke, so they left for Marlette Wed. John and Joni came home Thurs. eve. and the women came home Sat. evening. Reports were she was quite a bit better.

Uncle Chris in Augusta had a stroke and was in the hospital.

Easter Mon. the wife and I drove to Norwich area, stopped at Dan E. Millers', then they were at Jonas J. Millers' so we also went there for dinner and also made a call at Mose J. Millers' before coming home.

David Millers, Levi Kauffmans and David Hershbergers were to Harold Stolls' at Aylmer for dinner today. The youngfolks plus some more were at Sam Borntreger's. Clemens Bornreger

NEWTON, ONTARIO, CANADA

April 10--April showers today. I expect this will put an end to maple syrup season.

John and Mary Carter, Jean Baird and Bruce Martin have returned home. They spent 10 days with John's sister Ruthann Carter who is in V.S. in Guatemala.

Mrs. Joe Carter (Catherine) is a patient in Listowel Hospital since April 4. She had chest pains. So far they are not sure what her problem is.

Menno J. Kuepfer was 80 March 29. He received around 70 greetings to remind him of the occasion.

Yesterday was the funeral of Solomon Albrecht. His wife died nearly 10 years ago. His son Jonas and wife Sarah are members of our church.

Our daughter Emmaline is learning to be a postmistress at Newton. She also had bulk garden seeds and in time plans to have material, crafts and quilts that people will put there.

Mrs. Allan Streicher

MILVERTON, ONT., CAN.

April 10--Sol Albrecht's funeral was yesterday at his son Davids'. Services were held by Menno Albrecht and Gid Streicher. Lied by Israel Kuepfer. Sol had been quite well again after his hernia operation a few weeks ago and was at church yet 2 weeks ago, then beginning of the week they thought he had the flu. It got worse and he had quite a bit of pain, then they took him to the hospital and operated, expecting he maybe had kidney stones, but instead they found a tumor on his kidney. They sent away a sample to be tested, and were still waiting on the reports when he died unexpectedly on Thurs. evening.

He is survived by 4 sons, Henry, David, Cornelius and Jonas, and one dau., Catherine, Mrs. Levi Streicher, 31 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. He was 77 years old and was predeceased by a son Tobias in 1976.

On Sunday council church in Southwest dist. was held at Peter Kuepfers' by John Jantzi and Peter Kuepfer. Scripture by Eldon Albrecht.

In a recent letter it should have read that Reuben Wagler spent some time at John Streichers' at Aylmer. Rebecca Streicher also intends to make her home there.

The little boy that was born to Levi and Rosanna Kuepfer on April 9 seems to have quite a way to change things. Since then people are calling us grandma and grandpa. David and Marie Kuepfer will be called the same thing, and Chris Kuepfers, Joel Kuepfers and Noah Jantzi will now be called great-grandparents. Mrs. Katie Kuepfer is on the list, too, although it's not her first experience at it. She is also in the Stratford Hospital recovering from a gallbladder operation last Thursday.

Reuben, son of Aaron and Phoebe Kuepfer, is in the hospital with a sore foot from stepping in a nail awhile ago. He is being treated with I.V.

David K. Kuepfer

MILLBANK, ONT., CANADA
Cedar Grove A.M.

April 7--The past week has been chilly with a few snowflurries.

Weekend visitors March 27th were Min. James Yoder, wife Ruth and 2 children. James spoke at morning and evening services. Darren Cook also attended. He is in V.S. at Christian Printing Mission, Minerva, Ohio, but was home for the weekend. A fellowship dinner for the visitors and congregation was held at the Wellesley fellowship hall. Other visitors were Mrs. Sam Steckley, sons Sams and Allen, dau. Beatrice and grandsons Dale and Grant Steckley. They were dinner guests at John L. and Mary Zehr's.

Ohmar and Viola Wagler and Jacob and Alma Zehr recently travelled to Va. They both have daus. living there, Ohmars, the Simeon Heges, and Jacobs, Nathan Yoders.

Visiting up north at Murray and Vernon Jantzi's were David, Marilyn, Geoffrey, Anthony and Michelle Gerber.

Visitors at church April 1 were Joe and Ada Horst, Raymond and Martha Frey and sons. They were dinner guests at Ivan and Anna Mae Kuepfer's.

Travelling to Lancaster, Pa. this past week were Arthur and Laurene Gerber, Melvin and Norma Jantzi and Laverne Zehr. They attended the ministers' meeting at Weavertown.

Daniel and Marlene Wagler were blessed with a 10 lb. 2 oz. baby boy April 5. They have named him Brian Daniel. He has 2 sisters, Laura and Sarah. Happy grandmothers are Ella Mae Wagler and

Erma Zehr. Great-grandparents are Allen and Clara Kuepfer and Amos and Nancy Zehr.

April 8--Travelling home from the ministers' meeting, Ezra and Nannie Peachey visited in this area.

Mary Ellen Gerber

MILVERTON, ONT., CAN.**Conservative Menn. Church**

April 10--Mary Lichti had been suffering much pain and discomfort and was admitted in the Stratford Hospital for awhile. She spent some time before and after this at Mahlon Gerbers', and has now returned to her house in Wellesley, where a granddaughter lives with her. Mary's 85th birthday is on April 12.

Our ministry, Bro. Ralph Gerbers, Bro. Dan Gaschos and Bro. Delmar Lichtis attended the annual ministers' meetings from March 19-23 at Carbon Hill, Ohio.

Nelson and Ruth Gerber are happy with their new son Jeremy Dean. He was born on March 17, 1990, a brother for Rebecca, Philip, Joseph, Richard, Rosanna and Matthew.

The church worked together after Nelson Gerber's house basement fire on March 23. There was some smoke damage which required papering, painting upstairs and carpentry in the basement.

Two young souls, Eunice Gascho (Dans) and Karen Wagler (Harolds) were baptized on March 25 and received as members of our congregation.

S. Gerber

STIRLING, ALB., CAN.

We have been bouncing back and forth between blustering snow storms and balmy sunshine.

Carol Hofer is home again, after a lengthy absence. Carol flew to Belize with a group of young folks from Oregon. They spent about two weeks visiting the Hummingbird Gospel Mission near Stann Creek. After returning to Oregon, she stayed on a while longer visiting her sisters, Christina Kropf and Faye Birky, before heading on home.

Carolyn Hofer flew to Ohio where she met with her sisters and their families to move their dad, Ralph Diller, to Wisconsin. On Carolyn's return flight, her dau. Jan Denlinger, and grandson Scott met her in Minneapolis. From there the three flew together. Jan plans to spend two weeks visiting her family here.

Mary Wipf is recovering well after a short hospital stay, including surgery. She plans to resume her position as dietary supervisor at the Raymond Hospital in the near future.

Wilford and Eunice Stutzman, Iowa, are with us at present. Wilford is holding a week of meetings.

M. Hofer

FULLARTON, ONTARIO, CANADA

April 17--The weather has been behaving like a normal Ontario spring: cloudy, cool and very wet. There was a week of summer-type weather here back in the middle of March, but we missed most of it as we were on our way to Manitoba for the annual meeting of the Church of God in Christ, Mennonite. We did experience one very mild day while driving through Wisconsin. The next few days were spent in the Manitoba mud and then it turned into a snowstorm.

We spent a night at Almena, Wisconsin, Chris and I with Jim and Lynn Breit and Michelle at Sam Peachey's who have a couple of girls her age. The next 2 nights were spent with Walter and Betty Isaac at Kleefeld, Manitoba. The second morning there a pileated woodpecker came right to the bird feeder near the window where we were eating breakfast. That is the closest I have ever seen. They are elusive birds.

The annual meeting was held March 15 and 16 at the Greenland Church, northwest of Steinbach. There were over 1,000 present from all over Canada and the U.S. and also some from Brazil. The local brethren did a marvelous job of feeding us all and looking after our needs. There are a number of other congregations closeby that helped. We won't say much about the parking situation, except that this was after all Manitoba in the springtime.

Deacon Denver Penner of El Campo, Texas, and formerly of our congregation, flew to Winnipeg to attend the annual meeting, then collapsed and died shortly after getting off the plane. The cause was a burst blood vessel (aneurysm) in his chest. I will always remember Denver as a brother who had a special rapport with young people. Another recent death was Minister Dave Penner of Norquay, Saskatchewan, who was diagnosed with cancer about a year ago.

Sunday evening, April 1, we had a baptismal service where Laura, daughter of Craig and Violet Hodgson; Shana, daughter of Minister Robert and Sally Toews and Lisa, daughter of Minister Glenn and Helena Schneider were baptized by Minister Lyle Wiebe.

We made a stop with Mrs. Sarah Klassen, near Blumenort, who is planning to compile a Letkeman family history. She is my second cousin on the Letkeman side and third cousin on the Gerbrant side. Our grandfathers were

brothers and our grandmothers were first cousins. Then when her grandmother passed away and my grandfather died her grandfather married my grandmother. So I remember her grandfather as my step-grandfather. He was David Letkeman and was born in Russia and could still remember a little Russian he had learned in school before the family came to Canada. The evidence seems pretty well incontrovertible that all the Mennonite Letkemans who thought they were of Dutch or Flemish descent are really descended from Jacob Lindtkeman, native of West Prussia who joined the Mennonite church sometime in the early 1700's.

Bob Goodnough

AYLMER, ONT., CANADA

April 23--We are having lots of moisture this spring. The clay farmers would be glad for a few dry days in order to get their oats out.

Church services were held at Solomon Herrforts Sun. with Ervin Martin of Elmira area the only visitor. No dinner was served afterwards as quite a few of Sollys had been sick. They also cancelled supper and singing in the eve. Plans are to have council meeting at Daniel Stolls' May 6th for west and east dist. combined.

On Easter Monday we had visitors from Mt. Elgin area for the day. David Hershbergers and 5 children, Levi Kauffmans and baby and David Millers and baby brought a pizza and ice cream dinner with all the trimmings. They drove the 12 miles down with horse and buggy.

Abner and Katie Wagler and Catherine Wagler went to Daviess Co. to attend the funeral of Katie's bro-in-law, Henry Wagler, cancer victim, which is today. Daniel Miller Jrs. accompanied them as far as Salem, Ind. to their dau., the Glen Hochstetlers.

We had a dozer in on Thurs. to dig a pond in our pine bush for the livestock. It is only a small one but unfortunately didn't hit any water. So they hooked it up with a tile and in a day's time it was full to the brim.

Nathanael Stoll had the misfortune of getting a fish bone stuck in his throat a few days ago. Is going to the dr. today to have it removed.

The suckers are running and a lot are being speared by the local boys and girls.

Harold Stolls

CHESLEY, ONT., CANADA

April 24--A few nice sunny spring-like days have dried the ground enough that people are starting to work on lighter land.

Trout season opens this weekend.

Dan Zooks had a nice day for their retirement sale on April 21st. A McDeering web hay loader sold for \$2.00 (in fair shape) and a good push bar loader sold for \$200.00.

Ian McKinnon is home from the hospital and coming along real good after having a piece of his colon removed.

West dist. church is to be at Elmer Swartzentrubers' next.

To Sarah Mast, Virginia Beach scribe, I read your article in Mar. 28th "Budget" saying you were a neighbor to Noah Stutzman when you were a young girl. I am a son and have no idea who you are or where you may have lived as a neighbor. I grew up in Tenn., but went to Ohio when dads moved to Canada.

Lena D. Yoder of Wayne Co., Ohio is here working for Noah L. Shetlers.

Sugaring season is past and was a good year after a slow start.

There is a lot of syrup not sold yet and not much demand anymore. Bulk prices in drums has dropped to \$6.50 per gallon but producers will not sell at that price for Amber Color Syrup. Medium is about twice that price.

Our syrup has to be graded for color and sugar content both.

Syrup prices will have to drop. Most people were getting \$32.00 or more per gallon.

Noah Stutzman

NORWICH, ONT., CANADA

April 22--West dale church was at Dea. Atlee Shetlers' today. Is to be at Levi D. Millers' in two weeks (council meeting).

East dale was at Gideon M. Millers' last Sunday and is to be council meeting next Sunday at Dan M. Millers'.

A daughter Katie was born on Good Friday to Joe E. Swartzentrubers. Grands are Bishop Eli Swartzentrubers and Pre. Jacob J. Millers of Conewango, N.Y.

Levi J. Miller and Gideon M. Miller, with Darwin Hill as driver, were to Union City, Pa. Sugar Grove, Pa. and Conewango, N.Y. to pick up a syrup evaporator and some other items 2 weeks ago.

Henry M. Shetler's moved on Thursday with William Shetlers in the Daudy house.

Mattie, Mrs. Joe L. Miller of Lucknow, was here with her parents several days a week ago.

The early birds have been doing a little gardening, getting a few early seeds in.

Joe J. Shetler from Lucknow came down today. He and brother Mose want to go to Wayne Co. tomorrow after some buggy parts and hats at Toledo, Ohio.

Jonas J. Miller

MILVERTON, ONT., CANADA

April 23--Nice spring weather, fields are starting to dry off and grass is turning green.

My wife's mother, Mrs. Katie Kuepfer, who had a gallbladder operation in the Stratford hospital is now at home again, recovering nicely.

Reuben, son of Aaron and Phoebe Kuepfer is still in the hospital being treated for infection in the bone from the injury when he stepped into a nail.

Mrs. Elmer L. Kuepfer (Katie) fell and broke her hip recently. She is in the hospital now. She is around 80 yrs. old and being an Alzheimer's victim will make it hard for her to learn how to use a walker. Elmer has not been enjoying the best of health the last while either and he is staying with his dau. Laura (Ammon Kuepfers) at present. Mail would be nice pastime. It could be sent to Ammon Kuepfer, R.R. 2, Milverton, Ont. N0K 1M0.

Last Sunday communion services were held in northwest dist. at Ammon Schmidts'. Yesterday it was held in southwest dist. at Joe Ebersols by Pete Kuepfer, Mahlon Schmidt and Bishop Rufus Kuepfer. Yesterday services in middle dist. were held at Sam Kuepfers', with Sam Zehrs of Chesley attending. Their dau. Martha and Elwood, son of Allan and Laura Kuepfer were published to be married. Laura is waiting on a reply from the doctor in California, expecting to have surgery some time in the future to repair her lungs.

David K. Kuepfer

MILLBANK, ONT., CAN.

Cedar Grove A.M.

April 21--Numerous showers this past week have brought forth green grass and spring flowers.

Ronald Steckley and Sharon Roes have chosen April 28th for their wedding day. Sharon is the dau. of Melvin & Mary Roes. Ronald's parents are Aaron and Elsie Steckley.

Easter Sunday we had communion services. Vernon and Linda Jantzi, Sheila & Shawn, Murray & Karen Jantzi, Bonnie and Katie, from Warren, Ont. visited friends and relatives in this area; also attended communion services at Mornington A.M. church on Easter.

John, Florence and Mary Esther Albrecht welcome Donna Marie born April 15th. Grandparents are Simeon and Lydia Albrecht and John and Mary Zehr.

Taking advantage of her Easter vacation, teacher Doris Bean at Fair Haven School, and Dorothy Cressman flew to Hay River, Yukon. They visited Doris' sister Sharon and family. Flying to Manitoba the same day were Katie Jantzi and Ruth Wagler. They visited Wayne and Carol McClinton.

Arthur Gerber, John & Mary Zehr, Katie Steckley, and Laura Jantzi travelled to Belleville, Pa. to attend the Sharp - Zook wedding. Others going were Erma Zehr, Donald & Mary Jane Jantzi.

April 24th is Lydia Gascho's 90th birthday. John & Lydia still live in their own home in Wellesley. They do have a live-in maid. Mary Ellen Gerber

BAY TREE, ALBERTA, CANADA

April 22--Lovely spring weather. The spring wind is drying everything up and some early farmers are out working land.

The Bergen family had an unfortunate episode occur at their place early in the morning on April 1. Their son Jacob awoke at about two o'clock because of a loud crackling noise near where he slept. Looking out the window, he discovered that his dad's skidder had burst into flames, some shooting as high as 12 feet into the air. The water trucks were called, but the fire was too far gone for water to be of much help. The motor and transmission of the skidder were destroyed. An estimated \$20,000 worth of damage was done. There is no known cause for the fire.

We enjoyed a week of Bible conference held at the church afternoons and evenings from April 8-15. Wilbert Kropf from Harrisburg, Oregon and John Yoder from Estacada, Oregon were the speakers. John's wife, Marilyn accompanied them. Communion was held on April 15.

Kirk and Helen Sadlier from Burns Lake, B.C. spent some time with their family, the Jim Sadliers, this month.

David and Barb Peachey and their family were down from Fort Nelson for a short visit on April 20 and 21.

Visitors at church today were Isaac Peters from Slave Lake, Alberta. Isaac is Mrs. Helen Bergen's brother. Paul and Becky Sadlier and their family from Fort Nelson, B.C. also attended. Marvin and Barbara Klassen from Fisher Branch, Manitoba stopped in on their way home from a wedding at LaCrete, Alberta this weekend and also attended church services this evening. L. Peachey

LINWOOD, ONT., CANADA

April 23--The weather has warmed, with a few showers. Mom sneaked out some garden just before the rain.

Yest. the announcement was made of the forthcoming marriage of Elwood Kuepfer (Allans) and Martha Zehr (Sams of Chesley).

Belated news is that we had visitors about 2 weeks ago, stopping briefly here at the shop. They were Wilbur Yoder of Bloomfield, Iowa and Moses W. Bornreger of LaPlata, Mo.

Note to Canadians--Perhaps it would be in order to say a few words here about Coleman's new line of lanterns and camp stoves designed and advertised to burn regular gasoline. We get many inquiries from people who see the ads in "The Budget" and "Botshaft". This line has not yet been released for sale in Canada. They have been tested here, but there are problems, apparently with our Canadian gasoline. So our advice to Canadians for now is to wait and see if the problems can be overcome.

Elmer Kuepfer

ST. MARYS, ONT., CANADA

Lake Side Dist.

April 25--Jonas Hertzler and wife and John Henry Coblentz and wife left last Fri. by bus for Path Valley, Pa. They were expected home the first of the week.

May 1--Not quite as warm, more like spring weather. Men are busy sowing oats and planting corn. Wheat fields are nice and green.

John Henry Coblentzes and Jonas Hertzlers came home from Path Valley last Wed. John Henrys had to come home without their suitcase. It was taken off the bus going down somewhere between Detroit and Toledo, so they were minus their best suits for Sunday. Others shared and they made out.

Dave Tompson from Waterloo, Elmira area came to John L. Stutzmans' Fri. afternoon. Was at Yost and Enos Yoders' Sat. and Sat. night and attended church on Sun. at Jonas Hertzlers', going home Mon. morning. Church next time at Alvin E. Yoders'.

Noah Hertzler left on Fri. for a few weeks stay at LaPlata, Mo.

Mrs. Eli Petersheim went out to Marlette, Mich. by train last Tue. to help care for her mother-in-law, Mrs. Ed Petersheim. Eli then went out Sat. morning also by train and both came home Sat. evening.

The writer was to the Shute Institute yesterday for my yearly checkup. Jonas Matilda Hertzler and Enos Rosemary Yoder and baby went along for chiropractic treatments. Audry McClellan was our driver.

Plans are for some to go to Clare, Mich. over the 5th of May. Rufus Yoders and children want to go along as far as Marlette to be with her mother, Mrs. Anna Troyer. Mrs. Elmer Yoder

MOSSLEY, ONT., CANADA

April 29--Summer-like weather this past week with over 80° temperatures.

I saw one fellow planting corn Friday. We planted some sweet corn Wednesday.

W. church was held at Solomon Swareys' today and is bested at Sam Borntragers' next time. Four youngfolks started joining church today; namely, Dannie, Harvey, Fannie Borntrager and Sarah Miller.

Stranger attending was Felty T. Borntrager from Wisc. Also 2 new babies were in gma for the first time, namely David W. B's. son Sammie and Wm. W. B's. son Joe.

Rhubarb is on the menu lately. Trees are leafing out earlier than usual.

Last Sun. in E. gma at Rudy B's., Enos, small son of Solomon and Fanny Swarey went into convulsions so they took him out to the doctor and he said he had inner-ear infection and treated him for it. Seemed a lot better by evening.

Fri. eve. Harvey S. B. had a runaway when he was plowing. One horse made a jump and scared the rest so they took off at full gallop and ended at the barn doors. Harvey jumped off and escaped getting hurt. Clemens Borntrager

WATERLOO, ONT., CAN.

Martins

April 29--We have beautiful warm weather for over a week, sometimes going over 100° in direct sun. Everyone is busy with planting.

Mrs. Abram Weber (Anna) is in the hospital a second time this spring, because of breathing problems. She has been using oxygen for two years constantly.

Mrs. Amos (Barbara) Bauman was also hospitalized because of upset nerves. They have two boys, going to school. Last reports were for the better.

Urias Martin of St. Jacobs broke a leg badly in Nov. and all this time it has failed to heal properly, so just a few weeks ago they put a rod inside the bone and did some bone grafting of small pieces. While in the hospital they were moving him either in or out of bed when he slipped with his good foot, banging the injured one on the floor, breaking his ankle yet, too. The poor man! So now he has a cast yet, too. He is home again and trying to remain cheerful. Address: St. Jacobs, Ont. NOB 2N0. They have no family, and are in middle forties. He is a son of Mrs. Mary Ann Martin and the late Ezra. His wife Selinda is a dau. of Onias Gingrichs.

Awhile ago Pre. Ervin Shantz had a weak spell while preaching. He was taken to the hospital but went home the next day, drs. finding it to be nothing but stress. He has been going as usual since.

Tomorrow Esther Sittler wants to bring me a crib quilt she wants done. She is still piecing them at 99 yrs. of age.

The widow of Israel Kraemer was to Conestoga yesterday for communion. The widows, namely Lovina (of Noah Bowman) and Leah (of Aaron Martin) went to the home of Levea, widow of Jacob Bowman yesterday p.m. for such services, as they are all too feeble to sit in church that long. Also Elam and Annie Shantz. At Martins are Wendal and Magdalena Brubacher, John and Nancy Martin and Henry Weber who are unable to come to church.

Aaron and Barbara Weber

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AYLMER, ONT., CANADA

April 30--Church was at Elmo Stolls' yesterday. Visitors were Aaron Swartzes and 7 children of Allen Co. and also Aaron's mother, Marie Swartz. South Dist. is planned to be at Joe Jantzis' next council meeting. East and West districts are to have their council meeting together at Daniel Stolls' on May 20th. Plans are to have bishop ordination in West dist. this spring.

Last week Daniel and Stephen Stolls were burning trash one day. The next day Daniel's son Nathaniel wanted to put a big limb on top of the ashes and walked through them to get it right on top. Some live embers burned his feet so that he cried with pain all evening. Is coming along fine now.

His cousin Joseph, 3, found a robin egg in the grass recently. He took it in the house (grandparents) where he got his 16-year-old aunt to bake him a cake with it. At lunch time he took his little cake

home and the family ate the cake, not realizing it was "Robin Egg Cake." His mother remembered later that he did say something about a "birdie egg," but it didn't soak in what he was saying. I'm sure they will be on the alert for awhile now, about what they eat.

Going to Indiana this week are Gerald Hostetters and 4 daughters, Ervin Hochstetters and 2 children, Martha Helmuth, Hannah and I. Martha is going to attend her nephew Melvin Helmuth and Rachel Hochstetler's wedding. Then she will bring her aged mother along home for a two-week stay. The Hochstetters are going for niece Wanda Miller's wedding. She is from Hicksville, but the wedding is in Nappanee at Bish. Leon Millers', the groom's parents.

Later--The nieces and nephews of Pete Yoders had a frolic to add a bedroom and bathroom to their future home. It is the house that Philip Waglers built and later Claytons lived in it, too. Petes plan to come up to stay the last part of May. Of the 60 households in our community, Mrs. Yoder is a sister, aunt, or great-aunt in 36 of them. No wonder everyone calls her Aunt Martha.

Polly Anna Stoll

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NORWICH, ONT., CANADA

May 6--Weather has been very nice to sow oats. Very little corn planted among the Amish. Had a very welcome rain of ½ in. on Fri. p.m.

West dale church was at Levi D. Millers' today (council meeting). Gros gma is to be at David A. Troyers' (Pre.) next time. East dale is to be at Levi J. Millers' (gros gma) next Sunday.

Received word yesterday from Jeromesville, Ohio, of the death of Ben J. Stutzman, cancer boy, son of Jacob J. Stutzman. Funeral is on Tues. Some are leaving tomorrow for the funeral including Mrs. Eli Swartzentruber, son Joe and dau. Fannie, son Eli's wife Mary, Mrs. David Troyer, Joe Stutzmans, Gideon L. Millers and Albert M. Millers. Alberts want to go to Bronson, Mich. to the wedding on the 10th at Edward Schmuckers'. Jonas J. Millers

DAWSON CREEK, B.C., CAN.

May 1--Last week it was raining and snowing all week.

Our boss, Peter A. Tschetter, isn't home yet from Manitoba. They had a blizzard there and a foot of snow. We haven't started out in the fields yet. It's still too wet. No garden planted either, but the green house is coming along fine. Tomatoes are a foot high.

Our ducks and geese are coming tomorrow from Manitoba Hidden Valley Colony. 500 goslings and 12 hundred ducklings.

The men were out shearing sheep yesterday. 400 for a guy near Dawson Creek. They phoned home saying the girls should come and help bind the wool. Some more boys went along to help. They got 14 big sacks full. They also had to pack it. We have over 600 lambs.

We need the snow and rain to fill the dugout we made last fall.

Last week the women cooked soap for 2 days. They also cleaned the milking parlor today. Always lots of work to do on a big farm.

My husband is busy with his bees. He still has to feed them sugar water. He is still expecting some to come by plane. We'll have over 30 hives. Some died over winter. When the weather is nice they go out in the snow and don't come back.

Mary P. Hofer

LINWOOD, ONT., CANADA

May 7--By mid-week, the warm spell was over and we then had 2 hard frosts which browned off some clover and alfalfa growth and other tender things which were ahead of schedule. Quite a bit of corn was planted last week. This is quite early for this area.

Brother Loyd had a session with a virus which caused an inflammation of the lining of his brain. So there are a few days last week which he remembers very little of. He was taken to Listowel Hospital then transferred to University Hospital in London for a CAT scan and other tests. He came home on Friday, his mind is back to normal, but he has to take it easy for a while.

Leah's mother spent almost a week in Listowel Hospital. She is home again and feeling better and has been put on ulcer medication. Uncle Elmer L. Kuepfer is home and with their Jakes at present. He was working a little in his shop making childrens' wagons last week. He has an appointment today with specialists at a cancer clinic in London.

Brother-in-law Aaron Zehr was rushed by ambulance to Listowel Hospital on Sat. evening. Yesterday he was transferred to Stratford Hospital. He is in serious condition with a heart attack and it was discovered that he also had diabetes and high blood pressure.

Recent visitors here were David H. Yoder of Heuvelton, N.Y. and for dinner on Wednesday Mark Brennemens of Somerset County, Pa. Also visiting in this area at present are Sam Q. Schwartzes of Adams County, Indiana.

Tomorrow is to be auction sale to dispose of some surplus goods for widows Martha Kuepfer (John Z.) and Lydia Kuepfer (deacon David S.). They have both moved into trailers at their childrens' and don't have room for the accumulation.

For news of this writers most recent blunder, read on. Among my mail there was an inquiry from Pennsylvania, requesting an immediate reply. So I wrote a letter, put it in an ordinary small envelope and sent a note along to our post office, to please send it faster then "first class mail," so they sent it "priority post." This fellow is now \$27 poorer and somewhat wiser (hopefully).

Elmer Kuepfer

PETERSBURG, ONT., CAN.

New Hamburg Cons. Menn. Church

May 2--Last week's warm weather hastened the leaves on trees and shrubs, also caused wheat and alfalfa fields to become green. Much corn has been planted. Many have been busy planting in gardens. The floral emblem of Ontario, the trilliums, are in full blossom.

Maurice and Kathryn Good, accompanied by parents Moses and Ruth Good, spent a weekend recently in Elkhart, Ind. visiting at Gerald Goods'.

Recent guests of Mabel Kufske in New Hamburg were her grandson Roger Kufskes, also the other grandmother, Mrs. Alice Bader of Baden.

Fanny Bender Thaler of Fairview Menn. Home in Cambridge passed away recently. She was formerly of Tofield, Alberta, but until recently lived in Kitchener.

Ella Grove was at Souffville, Ont. recently to visit her aged mother-in-law, Mrs. Annie Grove. She was accompanied by her dau., Marion Good, and 2 granddaughters, Sherlyn and Carolyn Good.

Recent visitors at the home of Arnold Goods were Roy Beihns of Countryside cong. and Ed. Beihns of Woodlawn cong. and their families. Visitors of Hannah Bauman on Sun. were former friends of Elmira. Included were Mrs. Orvie Brubacher, Mrs. Adeline Martin, Mrs. Urias Weber, Mrs. Selema Wide-man and Mrs. Elmina Brubacher. Mrs. Irene Roth was also there.

The pupils of Cornerstone Christian School gave a program of singing at Nithview Menn. Home in New Hamburg on May 1.

Aaron Goods were at Markham recently visiting friends of years ago and attending an open house in honor of the 60th wedding anniversary of Harvey and Eva Burkholder.

Delmar and Dorothy Lichti and family of Millbank were recent visitors at Aaron Goods'. Aaron & Mary Good

LINWOOD, ONT., CANADA

April 30--A lot of seeding done last week. Some farmers with well-tiled fields are finished, except for their corn.

Church yesterday was at Norman Jantzis'. Sermons were by Joe N. Jantzi and Sam Jantzi, text by Lloyd Kuepfer. It was good to see Uncle Elmer there, the first time he was able to attend since he was taken ill early this year.

Leonard and Bernice Jantzi have a little girl, their first child, born April 24. They have named her Anna Ruth. Now Dan and Anna Jantzi will have to get used to being called Grandpa and Grandma. The other set are Norman and Ruth Jantzi, who are also fairly new in the mommy-daddy freundschaft, their first grandchild being only a few weeks old.

Forms are going up for a house foundation now on Chris Albrecht's 60-acres across from the home farm. One of their boys (James) seems very involved in the building trade (masonry work). Some folks think he has other reasons for being interested. Time will tell.

Last week we wrote about the new series Coleman "Powerhouse" lanterns and campstoves as applies to Canada and about using "regular" gasoline in these. Perhaps we should have said "regular unleaded," but in Canada regular gas is unleaded. Leaded gas is prohibited for use in vehicles and is not available at service stations. Perhaps that is also the case in U.S.A.?

Elmer Kuepfer

NEWTON ONT., CAN.

May 2--Cooler after a week of summertime temp. Garden planting and a lot of oats went into the ground the past week.

Our April sewing was held April 19. We had it a week later because of Easter being in our regular sewing week. The girls and young married women quilted in the quilt for the relief sale 2 evenings and we finished it.

April 28 was the wedding of Ronald Steckey, son of Aaron and Elsie, and Sharon Roes, dau. of Melvin and Mary Roes at the Fairhaven A.M. Church. Those attending from our church were Dorothy, Nancy, Beatrice, Sam, Allan, Dale and Grant Stechly, Ben and Irene Stechly and family, Kevin and Ellen Streicher.

Emerson Kuepfer, Allan and I and Cleason and Susanna Clemmer were Sun. dinner guests of Serauns and Viola Brubacher of Hawksville. Serauns and Emerson have the same birth date, April 28.

Mrs. Allan Streicher

ELMIRA, ONT., CANADA

May 6--We had a nice rain on Friday to lay the dust that's been flying for almost two weeks.

On April 27 around six in the evening Eldon Brubacher had the misfortune of losing his barn to fire. They suspect the case was electrical. Fortunately all the steers escaped but the pigs up in the barn got burned.

It's really amazing how fast the fire spreads. Apparently Eldon's son Ronald came through the upstairs of the barn to go downstairs to feed the steers and noticed nothing unusual. Eldon, himself, walked into the manure yard and heard the silo unloader start when Ronald commenced feeding. A few moments later, Dale, Eldon's other son came in from the field and shouted, "the barn's on fire." While Eldon hurried to the house to call the fire department the others chased the steers out of the barn and by the time they got the last ones out, fire and smoke was billowing down the hay and straw holes.

The mess is cleaned up now and last Friday a barn on the outskirts of Toronto was dismantled to replace the one that was devoured by fire.

Today I attended Elmira church where Min. Clare Frey and Min. Edgar Bauman brought the messages with Dea. Glen Horst reading the scripture and sharing in testimony.

Mark Zimmerman of Ind. and Laurie Shantz, dau. of Noah Shantz from our community, were published the third

time. Mark and Laurie's wedding is planned for May 11 and they will live in Indiana.

Stewart, son of Mrs. Eden Martin, and Linda, dau. of Mrs. Aden Frey, were published the first time. They plan to be married on May 25.

Also published today for the first time was Paul, son of Eli Sittlers, and Sarah, dau. of Owen Martins. Their wedding is planned for May 23.

Ray and Karen Martin were blessed with their third child, second son on March 23 named Eric Jay. Grandparents are Mrs. Aden Martin and Willis Martins.

Earl and Joyce Weber welcomed their third child, third daughter to their family on May 3 named Becky Lynn. Grandparents are Mrs. Urias Weber and Mrs. Clarence Martin.

May 7--Mrs. Elias Wideman (Hannah) died today at the ripe old age of 98, a month close to 99. She was the oldest member of our church. Her husband died almost 26 yrs. ago. Elias and his first wife had 13 children. Hannah was almost 51 when she married Elias at age 53 and they lived in matrimony for 22 yrs. She has 7 surviving step-children, Tilman, Mary (Mrs. Angus Martin), Clayton, Lydia Ann (Mrs. Milton Bauman), Ephraim, Erma (Mrs. Milton Martin) and Wilma (Mrs. Alvin Martin). She was at home with Milton Martins the last few years till a week ago when she was moved to Martins Rest Home. Cleon Bauman

WATERLOO, ONT., CANADA**Martins**

May 13--A nice rain fell within the last days but we still have not put our gauge out. All vegetation is profiting from it, but is rather cool still. Much corn has been planted. Rhubarb about one ft. high.

Today we had communion services at Martins, with Peter Brubacher and Edward Bauman having part, as well as Dea. Seranus Gingerich and Mose Bauman.

Yesterday p.m. such services were held for Nancy Martin, a stroke-victim, at the home of her bro. Henry near Heidelberg, and today p.m. at the home of Wendal Brubachers. He is able to come to church, but Magdalena has not been there since all of last year and then some. They are in their 80's.

On Tues. was the funeral of Anna, wife of Abe Weber. She was 75 and was his second wife, having married 6 years ago. She had a lung disease and constantly used oxygen for about two years. She could go to church and visiting by taking a tank along in a case, and at home she had a machine with a long tube so she could walk around and do some housework. Lately she filled up and did not respond to treatment.

Those who came for the funeral were Allen and Esther Weaver, Floyds and

Amos Ringlers, Jesse and Lydia Brubacher, Menno Shirks and his step-mother Anna Shirk, Paul Brubacher, Barbara and Leah Martin. The funeral was at Conestoga after a brief service at the home by Ervin Shantz, who also spoke in church and also Peter Brubacher.

Mrs. Amos Bowman (Barbara) spent two weeks in the hospital lately, but is again at home. She was in the psychiatric ward. They have two school age boys. She is a dau. of Amon Brubacher and the late Nancy, and a sister to the crippled Sarah B. who sells coloring books.

Aaron & Barbara Weber

MILVERTON, ONT., CANADA

May 7--We had enough rain to stop the dust from flying like it was last week. Most of the grain is sowed around here and some corn is planted.

Yesterday church services were held at Abe and Mary Kuepfer's in southwest dist. Services by Peter Kuepfer and Bish. Levi Streicher.

Sam Schwartzes from Ind. are in this area over the weekend and planned on attending church in Middle dist. at Alvin Albrechts'.

On Thurs. was the wedding of Elwood, son of Allan and Laura Kuepfer and Martha, dau. of Sam and Eva Zehr. Wedding church was at Ammon Schmidts' and dinner and supper were served at Lester Kuepfers'. Their attendants were Enos Kuepfer and Mabel Zehr and Eddy Zehr and Delilah Kuepfer.

Joe Zehr got a kick from a horse, breaking his elbow a few days before the wedding. He was allowed to come home from the hospital for awhile on the day of the wedding. Elwood's mother Laura was also at the wedding for a few hours. She is planning on going to California next week to have her lungs repaired. Aaron Zehr is also reported to be in the hospital having had a heart attack on Sat.

LeRoy Kuepfer went to the hospital on Sat. Apparently his medication was not agreeing with him. Jonathan, son of James and Christena Ebersol, is in London Hospital with double pneumonia. He is about 2 years old and they hadn't noticed he was sick till all at once he turned real limpy. They took him to the hospital, then was transferred to London Hospital. At last reports he seemed to be responding to treatment.

Jonathan has a brand new brother at home, born April 27. Grandparents are John and Christena Ebersol and Rufus and Sarah Kuepfer. David K. Kuepfer

**BAY TREE, ALBERTA,
CANADA**

May 14--We've had cold, wet days with snow and rain the past several weeks, as well as summer-like temperatures of as high as 80°. Although a few gardens and fields are seeded, many are still left to be done.

On April 26, David Peachey from Fort Nelson, B.C. spent an overnight with his folks, the Jesse Peachey's. Accompanying him were French friends, Luc and Julie Couture. They were heading home to Fort Nelson from an auction sale in Edmonton.

Keturah Martin took the bus for Vancouver, B.C. last weekend. She went for a routine checkup there because of a brain operation she had over a year ago. She was admitted into a hospital in Vancouver for further treatment.

There was a jail service last Saturday at the Peace River Penitentiary. The guards of prisons all over Alberta are on strike for higher pay. The Royal Canadian Mounted Police are taking the guards' place while the strike is on. Since the prison is so short-staffed, the prisoners must be kept in their units most of the time, so things were pretty quiet.

Jon Peachey was home for a short visit with his family this past Saturday and Sunday. He returned to Fort Nelson to continue logging for the summer.

L. Peachey

MOSSLEY, ONT., CANADA

May 14--A nice sunny morning after our 1" of rain we had Sat. and Sun.

Thurs. we had a real high wind which blew some trees over in some spots. In the afternoon the air was full of dust, almost a fog. We planted an acre of onions this past week. Some corn in planted.

Yest. West gma was at Sam Borntragers'. Strangers attending were Floyd and Katie Yoder (Budget scribe) from Mifflintown, Pa. and their 6 children. They spent some time at Niagara Falls Sat. and arrived at Mrs. Ella Swarey's Sat. evening. They expect to go to Lakeside this morning, Felty T. Borntrager of Wisc. was also in gma.

Last Mon. morning Henry L. Miller had a accident while discing and hurt his foot that he was on crutches part-time.

The lady of the house here made a misstep Sat. and fell down a few steps so that she hurt her wrist that it's quite sore but is better this morning.

Clemens Borntrager

LINWOOD, ONT., CANADA

May 14--Two frosts and a mini-snowstorm last week and a frost again this morning. Granddaughter Anna Mary asked her mother "Did we have our summer already?"

Church yesterday was at Chris Kuepfers'. Sermons were by Menno Albrecht and Joe N. Jantzi. Text by David K. Kuepfer.

Allan and Laura Kuepfer and their son Wayne are leaving today on a flight from London, Ont. to San Diego, California where Laura is scheduled for an operation which, if successful, will help her breathing. Doctors say that this is her only chance for life. Some of the other freundschaft left with Don Ropps by van yesterday, to be there when Laura has her operation.

Aaron Zehr is making a good recovery from his heart attack. Reports are that he was scheduled to come home yesterday. Doctor's orders are for him to lose some weight and to let others do the work for a while.

This writer had an excavating job (polyp operation) in his nose last Tuesday, which was 4th time in 6 yrs. That should make for clear breathing for another year or two. Doctor says that if I had enough sense to stay away from things I am allergic to (mostly farm dusts and pollens) then I wouldn't have to have it done so often. Elmer Kuepfer

DESBORO, ONT., CANADA

May 6--The last week in April was a warm one, with temp. up to 84° several days but the first week in May was cool with temp. as low as 26° several mornings. This froze the alfalfa hard enough to bend it over and some tender green leaves turned brownish. Some fruit trees were all out in blossom, as well as some strawberries.

The first rain in 2 weeks came Fri. Quite a bit of grain was sowed last week and some the previous week, which is nicely up already. A few are starting with corn.

Elam J. Hershberger arrived in the area last Sat. and is helping bro. Dan on the sawmill.

East dist. ordnungs gma was at Ezra D. Yoders' today. Gross gma to be in 2 weeks at Emanuel L. Shetlers'. West ordnungs to be at Elmer S. Swartzes' in a week.

Attending from West today were Pre. Andy J. Miller and Dea. Peter D. Zook.

It must be nearly a month since we received our last Budget. Surely you did not quit making it now that it's 100 yrs. old? We have been blaming the "high quality" mail service for the holdup.

Old Dan Lisbet is said to have skin cancer on her face beside her nose. Mail is much appreciated and will reach her at Rt. 1, Desboro, Ont. N0H 1K0.

Noah Stutzman

CHESLEY, ONT., CAN.

May 10--We are having nice showers this morning which are needed. We had a long dry spell which kept teams in the fields. A lot of the crop is in, but still some to go, especially corn. Cattle are finally on grass again. Apples and strawberries are in blossom.

East dist. council meeting was May 6th and West is to be May 13th.

Born to Roman Yoders, a son on May 8th, and also to Noah L. Shetlers a dau. on May 7th.

Noah Shetlers' baby is in the hospital on IV to clear up a blood infection of some kind.

Sucker dipping was not so good this spring.

Those of you who have the number for the Mac Fadden Funeral Home of Chesley should throw that away. It is no longer to be used. The funeral home is for sale. Chesley now has another postal outlet at the Beckers Store in Chesley. Parcels coming by mail have to be picked up there.

It is expected that the post office will be closed within 2 years except for the mailbox department where people pick up their mail. This is happening all over Ontario. The idea is to lay off the union workers and have their work done by non-union workers in shopping malls, etc. to save money. We will still have mail delivery service as we have it now, so they say.

Martha, dau. of Sam Zehrs of Chesley area, was married recently with the wedding in the Milverton district.

Noah Stutzman

AYLMER, ONT., CANADA

May 14--The following attended weddings in Mio and Hale of Leonard and Barbara (Smucker) Bontrager and Nelson and Ruthann (Miller) Miller: Mervins, Harvey, Calvin, Eileen, Verna and Norma Miller, Luke, Lois and Eunice Gascho, Nathaniel Stolls and Ammon Millers. Fannie Stoltzfus was going to go along but then was kicked or stepped on by a horse the night before, so she's to stay off her feet for 10 days with her leg elevated.

James Stolls, Steven Jantzis, Martha and Lovina Eicher and Regina Wagler are gone too, attending a wedding in Dixon and spending the weekend in Kalona. They are expected home tomorrow. The first day they were gone, the backhoe came to Stevens' to level off around their new basement and accidentally struck one leg of their windmill. Alva Eichers (owners) had just put on a new head and got it all hooked up in the last year so this was quite a disappointment. Ben Hochstetler had arrived on horseback and saw it happen. When the windmill started falling he jumped off his horse and led it away as he was afraid he might not get away fast enough otherwise. Minutes later the head lay where he and the horse had been.

Elmo and Joe Stolls and Ezra Waglers will leave today at noon to attend bishop ordination in Hillsboro. They want to be in Indiana tonight then travel on to Hillsboro on Tue. Ervin Millers also had plans to go along but then he was in an accident on Sat. with the team and wagons. His leg is giving him a lot of pain but they haven't x-rayed it yet so don't know if it's broken or not. He wasn't able to attend council meeting yesterday.

Katie Troyer and Sol Miller have been in Ohio for a week and are expected home tomorrow. Martha Helmuth's bro. Oscars, sisters Katie and Clara are planning to come get their mother the end of this week. She's had back problems since she's here.

Polly Anna Stoll

RAYMOND, ALBERTA, CANADA

May 9--We left Belize on Feb. 15, 1990 and from Lott, Texas travelled north to Pa. and Aylmer, Ont., by March 11 we finally reached Blumenort, Manitoba. We settled there temporarily. Having sold out in Fort Frances, Ont. prior to going to Belize in July 1989, we scouted out Alberta, namely the Raymond-Stirling area south of Lethbridge or 40 miles north of the US-Canadian border on a trip March 19 to March 23.

After deciding on moving here, we purchased a bungalow in the town of Raymond (pop. approximately 3,500 and approx. 90% Mormon).

There are three conservative churches in the area, Coaldale Menn. Fellowship, Stirling Mennonite and Prairie Mennonite, where Pete Peters, formerly of Manitoba is the minister and Leighton Martin, Ontario, is bishop. We are attending the Prairie Church.

The writer expects to be employed in the area nursing home (s) as an R.N.

Our new address is: General Delivery, Raymond, Alberta, TOK 2S0, Canada. Phone (403) 752-3490. We welcome visitors.

David Schapanskys formerly of McBride, B.C. are temporarily living in our basement bachelor suite until their mobile home is ready for occupancy. They expect to relocate to Coaldale (19 miles north) where they relate to the Coaldale Church. His sisters from Tilley and Duchess were here to visit May 5-6.

Robert and Lois (Hege) Loewen

LUCKNOW, ONT., CAN.

May 7--Had a few showers over the weekend.

Council meeting was at Samuel J. Millers' last Sun. in South dist. and at Henry L. Millers' yest. in North dist.

Recent visitors in the area were Joni and Lizzie E. Yoder of Mich.

Barbara L. Miller left for Mich. to help at her sis., Mose J. Bylers.

Jacob L. Stutzman had plans to leave for Jeromesville, Oh. this morning to attend the funeral of Ben J. Stutzman.

Noah J. Shetler is home from the hosp. He is 18 and did not have a broken collarbone after all.

Albert D. Shetlers are having a house moved on to Mose D. Shetlers' where Alberts want to move into then.

Dan & Mary Byle

ST. MARYS, ONT., CAN.

Lakeside District

May 8--Farmers are busy sowing oats and some have planted corn.

The ones going to Clare, Mich. on Fri. with Audry McClellan as driver were Alvin E. Yoder, Elizabeth, Ivan Hochstetler, Anna, Amanda Yoder and Mrs. John Henry Coblentz. Rufus E. Yoders and children went along as far as Marlette, Mich. to her mother, Anna Troyer.

The rest of us had dinner with Noah Troyers in Marlette before going on to Clare. Sat. we were at the Clare auction. Alvins, Anna, Amanda Yoder, Elizabeth, Ivan Hochstetler and Andy J. Millers, my granddau. from Dover, Del., had dinner at Martin Hochstetlers' (dau. Anna Mary) where I spent most of my time. Our driver was also there for dinner.

Mon. morn. we drove around to see a farm that was bought last wk., made a stop at Herman Stutzmans' and had dinner with Harvey H. Millers. After taking Mart and Anna Mary home we went to John Hochstetlers to pick up Mrs. Coblentz and started for home, stopping in Marlette to pick up Rufus Yoders. We came home around 9 o'clock Mon. evening.

Henry Troyers, with Jim McIntyres went to Marlette Fri., then to Clare auction Sat. returning home again Sat. evening.

Eli Petersheims did chores for Elizabeth Hochstetler while she was in Mich. and Catherine Grabers stayed with Martha at night.

May 14--We had a light snow on the ground the morning of May 11th and snow squalls all forenoon, turning to rain.

John L. Stutzmans and daughters Mary and Martha traveled by train to Bronson, Mich. last week to attend the wedding of a nephew on Thursday.

Church yest. at Alvin E. Yoders' To be there again in two weeks.

Today for dinner at Yost and Katie Yoder's were her mother, Mrs. Enos Swarey, Susie, Ella Swarey from Mt. Elgin and the Floyd P. Yoder family from Mifflintown, Pa. David Yoder was driver.

The 3 girls in instruction class for baptism are Esther Graber (Davids), Sadie Hertzler (Jonas) and Laura Coblentz (John Henrys).

May 15 - Sister Malinda Miller from Mill Creek, Pa. came to my place last evening. Also Aaron Swareys, dau. Amanda, Steffa Kanagys. They were at Yost Yoders' last night.

Anna Yoder

CHESLEY, ONT., CANADA

May 22--We had a long dry spell when most of the crops were put in, although there is still some corn to be planted.

A wet spell moved in last week that brought us lots of rain and put field work to a standstill.

West church is to be at Emery Weavers' on May 27th.

Death messages were received here for Mrs. Noah Gingerich of Knox Co., Ohio and also of Levi J. Zook of Medina Co. No one went for the Gingerich funeral but Dan J. Zook and possibly John N. Stutzman left for Medina Co. yesterday.

Levi J. Stutzman have plans for a trip to Medina Co. also to visit homefolks etc.

Another son was born to Philip Kuepfers on May 19th.

Mrs. Noah L. Shetler is home from the Owen Sound Hospital where she had been for a gall bladder operation.

A 4-year-old boy of Chesley lost his life last week by drowning. His father had gone to help a neighbor build a boat dock on Sunday and the little fellow wandered away.

A lady walking across the bridge on Main St. saw the body floating down river. She stopped a passing car and they picked him up in the shallow water just west of the bridge. He had been missing 30 minutes before he was found. Due to not much current in the mill pond he did

not travel fast until he went over the spill way.

Efforts failed to revive him in Chesley Hospital so he was taken to London and put on machines but all efforts failed.

There will be a horse sale in Walkerton on May 23. Good killer horse bring up to 75¢ while top steers only sell at 85¢.

Grass cattle sell strong and go as high as \$1.20 per lb.

Jacob L. Yoder is sick with different complications and was off work.

Noah Stutzman

LINWOOD, ONT., CANADA

May 21--It has been cold and wet and often windy for almost a week. Probably not good for corn seeds planted 2 to 3 weeks and not yet emerged.

Yest. in South dist. church, announcement was made of the forthcoming marriage on May 31st of James Albrecht (Chrises) and Rosann Jantzi (Dan K's.). Also, on June 7th, Vernon Jantzi (Dan K's.) and Pauline Jantzi (Normans). So Dans will gain a son-in-law and a daughter-in-law in a week's time.

This community is grieving with the Allan K. Kuepfer family, R.R. 1, Milverton, Ont., NOK 1M0, on the death of their wife and mother Laura on Friday in San Diego, California.

In the last few years she had suffered much from her blood clot damaged lungs, and was losing out steadily. A very specialized operation seemed to be her only chance for life.

But it was not to be. She did not survive the operation. Allan and those of the family down there with her, came home by plane on Sat. night. The body is to arrive late today or tomorrow. The funeral is scheduled for Friday.

Laura was a daughter of Minister Sam K. Jantzi and Tena. She leaves behind Allan and 8 children, 4 of which are married, and 4 younger, not married. The youngest still goes to school.

Allan is a son of Uncle Elmer L. Kuepfer who was recently diagnosed as having cancer. A step-son of Aunt Katie, the Alzheimer disease victim, presently is in the hospital with a broken leg and seems slowly fading away.

Overnight guests here last Tues. were Stephen P. Kanagy Jrs. and Aaron J. Swareys and Amanda, with driver Ab Zook, all of Belleville, Pa. area. They had been to Niagara Falls, then spent several days visiting in several Amish communities in Ontario.

Elmer Kuepfer

DESBORO, ONT., CAN.

May 20--Rained almost every day this week. Was much needed, but a few here and there still have corn to plant. Temp. is mostly on the cool side.

East dist. church was held at Emanuel L. Shetlers' today. Gross gma to be at Joe A. Millers' in 2 weeks. West church to be at Emery J. Weavers' in a week.

Recent births were a 6 lb. son to Roman D. Yoders on May 8th. Three sisters greet little Roman Jr. Grands are old Dan Lisbet and Bish. Sam L. Swartzentrubers.

Also dau #4 to Noah L. Shetlers on May 8th. One bro. greets little Mattie. Grands are Levi L. S. Shetlers of Heuvelton, N.Y. area and Dan Yoders of Oh. Her sis. Lena from Oh. is working there.

Also dau. #2 (first living) to Eli J. Stutzmans on May 15th. They named her Fannie. Grands are John N. Stutzmans and Sam L. Swartzentrubers. His sis. Anna is working there.

Noah L. Shetlers' infant was transferred from Hanover to Owen Sound Hosp. with some kind of blood poisoning, where she spent approx. a week. The Mrs. was also in Owen Sound Hosp. a day or so after with a gallstone operation. She had to stay a week. During this time Noah was kicked in the leg by a horse that he thought for awhile it is broken, but was not.

Levi J. Stutzmans have plans to leave on Tues. for several weeks stay in Medina Co., Oh. visiting bros. and sisters and helping some at his bro. Dan's new set of buildings.

John J. Stutzmans also have plans to leave on Tues. for Gladwin, Mich. area to spend some time with his parents, bros. and sisters.

Several weeks ago on a Mon. morning we received a new house in the neighborhood. It came in two sections on tractor trailers and a crane set it on its foundation. A 2-car garage has been added and a well drilled. It didn't take long to make a home out of a bush lot. This house sits exactly where Ben L. Shetler's sawmill used to be when I was a kid.

We had a banty hen that we put in a cage one morning and by mid-afternoon she had 3 eggs! Probably she was nervous from being cooped up.

We have another extra special hen in our hen house. She was laying in winter, but quit this spring and is now a regular crower equal to any rooster! It is slightly larger, nicely feathered, and has a really large straight comb. We showed it to the hatchery man recently. He says it looks like a Leghorn rooster head, but is a brown bird. We can't really call it a hen and not a rooster. What is it. A henster or a rooster-hen? Maybe a cock-a-doodle hen.

On May 11 we woke to a snow-covered ground. Had lots to make ice cream.

The death message was received of old Levi Zook of Medina Co., Oh. John N. Stutzmans and Dan J. Zooks plan to start for Oh. tomorrow.

Tomorrow is a civic holiday in Can. (Victoria Day). Lots of firecrackers can be heard this evening from the tourists who are celebrating the holiday.

Jacob L. Yoder was taken to emergency room this morning with a rash and swelling. They expected it to be an allergy, but have not heard the results.

Noah Stutzman

AYLMER, ONT., CANADA

May 21--Cool, rainy weather. Looks like the corn would be better off in the bag than in the ground.

On Sunday the West and East districts had council meeting at Stephen Stolls'. Plans are to ordain a bishop in West and a minister in East district. Strangers attending were Joseph and Esther Yoder and children Mary Beth and Thomas of Belle Center, Ohio and Eli and Amanda Summy (Budget scribe), Hannah Kinsinger and Sadie Hochstetler of Somerset Co., Pa., Mrs. Milton Brubacher and 2 daus., Anna and Alta, Minnie Reiff of Union Co., Pa. and Mervin and Ruth Horning and 2 children of Penn Yan, New York. Also attending was Noah Coblentz of Lakeside, Ont., Can.

Jacob Jr. and Wilma Eicher are the parents of a little girl named Miriam, born May 5. She has 3 brothers and 2 sisters and grandparents are Jonas and Ida Yoder of Wolcottville, Ind. and Jacob Eichers of here.

On May 7 another little girl joined the Clayton Zehr family, named Doris. She has a sister, Linda Mae, and grandparents are Abner Waglers and Joe Zehrs.

Noah and Nancy Gascho are the happy parents of a little boy named Timothy born on May 15. This puts John Gaschos on the grandparent list for the first time, and John Henry Coblentzes of Lakeside are the other set. This is now the 5th baby born in Aylmer this year and they all weighed between 6 and 7 pounds.

Dea. Ervin Miller is laid up with a cracked leg at present and will have to stay off his feet for 6 weeks.

Neighbor Gary Laurs' dau. Jodi, age 5, had a freak accident last week. She was riding a bike downhill out the lane when the chain came off and she couldn't stop. She was hit by a pickup truck and broke her leg in 3 places. She was a lucky girl.

This week is the last week for the schools. Four Corners and West will have their picnic on Tues. and Friendship on Wednesday.

Recently a certain young boy had the thrill of accidentally walking into an electric fence while leading a horse. Results were a runaway horse and garden cultivator and a shaking boy! For more information ask Daniel Miller.

Stopping in for a chat on Wed. were Steven Troyer, Robert J. Hershberger, Melvin A. Yoder and Mose Miller of Dundee - Millersburg, Ohio area. They were guests of Harvey Wengerts a few days.

This will be my last letter. I have asked Ida Mae Gascho to take on from here. I enjoyed writing, but since we have a new baby girl, there are more pressing duties.

Mrs. Harold Stoll

LUCKNOW, ONT., CAN.

May 22--Had 2" of rain in the last week.

Communion service was at Andy B. Yoder's on Sun. where they ordained a bishop. Levi A. Miller, John D. Shetler and Henry L. Miller were in the lot. The chosen one was Henry L. Miller, 31. He was ordained minister 2½ years ago. He is the son of Levi A. and Katie (Stutzman) Miller, and his wife Emma is dau. of William J. and Mary (Shetler) Shetler. They have 6 children and their address is Rt. 1, Lucknow N0G 2H0.

Strangers attending church were Bish. Eli E. Swartzentruber, Min. Jacob E. Bylers, Min. David A. Troyers, and Min. Dan L. Miller of Norwich, Bish. Rudy N. Shetler and Dea. John J. Stutzman of Union City, Pa.

Born to Dan J. Bylers, a dau. named Rachel on May 12. Grandparents are Jacob E. Bylers of Norwich. Lizzie J. Shetler is their maid.

Noah D. Stutzmans have plans to have a barn raising June 7. Noah D. Stutzmans have dug out for a house for their dau. Amelia, Levi A. Yoders. Jacob D. Millers have also dug out for a house on the farm they bought. We have started on wash and wood house.

Eli J. Shetlers and baby were visiting in the area last week from New York.

Bish. Dan D. Stutzman, Min. Mose D. Shetlers and Dea. Levi J. Miller were in Norwich last week. Today is the school picnic. Dan & Mary Byler

NORWICH, ONT., CANADA

May 24--Weather has been very wet and cool for the last two weeks. Still some corn to plant including the writers as we had sick horses for one week that kept us out of the field.

Levi Bylers and Mosie M. Millers left yesterday for a week's trip to Union City, Pa., Jeromesville and Wayne Co., Ohio.

Our church (communion) was last Fri. at David Troyer's. Is to be at Melvin Shetler's next time. Strangers in church were Bish. Dan D. Stutzman and Mose D. Shetlers from Lucknow. Also Bish. Rudy Shetler and Dea. John Stutzman

from Union City, Pa. Rudy and John left on Sat. with the Lucknow ministers, as they made a bishop in Dan Stutzman's other dale on Sun. The lot fell on Henry L. Miller, around 30 years old. His wife is Emma, dau. of William J. Shetlers. Also going to Lucknow over Sun. from here were Bish. Eli Swartzentruber, Pre. Dan L. Miller, Pre. David A. Troyers and Pre. Jacob E. Bylers. They all returned home by Wed.

Dan J. Shetlers and Henry M. Shetlers left for Six Lakes, Mich., on Fri. and returned on Mon.

Emma, Mrs. Joe M. Shetler, broke her leg a week ago, as her bones are very brittle. She is in the Woodstock hospital. she is hoping to come home soon with a hospital bed. She is not expected to walk for 3 months. Her address is Rt. 1, Norwich, Ont. N0J 1P0.

May 27--East dale church was at Andy L. Miller's today and is to be at Dan L. Miller's next time. Strangers in church were Emanuel N. Stutzman of Six Lakes, Mich. and Atlee Hershbergers of Oakland, Md. Atlees want to leave tomorrow for Danville, Ohio. Emanuels want to leave on Tues. for Lucknow, Ont.

Levi D. Millers left on Fri. for Cone-wango, N.Y. Dan G. Millers also were to N.Y. the first of the week on business.

Sunday eve. Mrs. Joe M. Shetler (Emma) came home from the hospital today. Jonas Miller

LINWOOD, ONT., CANADA

May 28--After almost 2 weeks of wet weather, it has dried off. Corn planted 3 to 4 weeks ago is just now peeping through.

Church yest. was at Allan Albrechts'. Sermons were by Joe K. Jantzi and Eli Kuepfer, text by Lloyd Kuepfer.

Mrs. Allan Kuepfer's (Laura's) body did not arrive home until early Thurs. morning. The funeral was Friday. Sermons were by John Jantzi and Menno Albrecht, text by Harvey Albrecht. Laura's mother (Mrs. Sam Jantzi) was not able to attend, as she was admitted to the hospital that morning, after having coughed blood. A van load of Grabers and Schwartzes from Allan County, Indiana attended the funeral.

A new experience for this writer was to attend the annual Mennonite Relief Sale in New Hamburg on Saturday. They expected at least 30,000 people and I do believe that they all showed up. The big attraction was the auction of quilts, hooked mats and afghans, over 400 of them. There were also line-ups and wall-to-wall people at the crafts and food tents and booths, and at the auction of miscellaneous items. Even so, it was well planned and organized, and must have taken many hours of preparation.

One of Reuben and Ruth Albrecht's children (Ammon) received a badly broken arm when they were playing with the cement mixer. I guess the Honda starts too easy.

Elmer Kuepfer

AYLMER, ONT., CANADA

May 29--Abner Waglers and Fannie Mae and Mrs. Anna Stoll went to Kalona for Delmar and Fannie (Graber) Hershberger's wedding. They arrived home around 7:00 Sat. evening, bringing Pete Yoders and the rest of their belongings along. They were tired from the trip, but otherwise Pete stood the trip well. Their new address is R.R. 4, Aylmer, Ont. N5H 2R3.

Crops are later getting in this year because of wet weather. The last days many thousands of peppers, tomatoes, etc. were put out. Not nearly all the corn is planted and now it's raining again. After so many dry years, we are glad for the rain.

Schools all had their picnics now and at two of them they sent up helium gas balloons. All of our teachers are returning to their same positions next term except our special ed teacher, Fannie Stoltzfus, will be replaced by her sister Mary.

This year we've been sharing (unwillingly) our garden with a rabbit family. They've eaten all our head lettuce, cabbage, cauliflower and broccoli down to the ground. They don't like leaf lettuce or spinach. I set a trap for them, but no luck so far.

Ascension Day visitors at Harvey Wengerts' were Yost and Uriel Millers and 2 children, Donald Yoders and 2 girls from Union Grove, N.C. Others from the community who visited there that evening were Elmo Stolls, Joe Gaschoes, Jr. Millers, Joseph Yoders (Belle Center), Martha and Katie and we. Josephs were here almost a week with the Millers.

Polly Anna Stoll

ST. MARY'S, ONT., CAN.**Lakeside Dist.**

May 22--Abner Zook, with the valley folks, Aaron Swareys, daus. Amanda and Stephen Kanagys came to Yost Yoders' last Thurs. p.m. after spending a few days in Aylmer, Milverton and Mt. Elgin. Fri. morning they, with Malinda Miller, from Millcreek left for home.

Fri. evening Walter E. Yoders and son Andy and dau. Barbara came to the writer's place for supper. They were at Enos E. Yoders' for the night.

Eli Summys from Grantsville, Md. & Sadie D. Hostetler from Pocahontas, Pa. were at my place Fri. night. Their drivers were Monroe and Sarah Tice. On the same load were Albert Hertzlers, dau. Catherine, Salisbury, Pa. and David Swareys from Pocahontas. Alberts were at John L. Stutzmans' and Davids had supper with Yost D. Yoders and at Jonas Hertzlers for the night.

Monroes took Elis and Sadie to Aylmer Sat. morning.

Yost D. Yoders, dau. Rosanna, Eli Petersheims and David Swareys went to their mother's in Mt. Elgin Sat. morning. She was having sale to sell tools etc. of her late husbands.

The Path Valley driver Marcus Hilden and wife took Walteer Yoders' children from Path Valley, Pa., Albert Hertzlers, dau. Catherine, Salisbury, Pa., Mrs. John L. Stutzman, daughters Mary and Martha and Jonas Hertzlers and Elmer to Lucknow for the day on Sat.

Albert Hertzlers were with her bro. Henry Troyers Sat. night making a call with the writer Sun. forenoon and dinner with Henrys. John L. Stutzmans and Levi B. Troyer were also dinner guests there.

Dinner guests with the writer and Amanda Yoder on Sunday were the Jonas Hertzler family, Alvin E. Yoder family, Walter E. Yoders and 2 children (Pa.), Yost D. Yoder family, Enos E. Yoder family and Elizabeth Hochstetler family.

The Somerset folks left Mon. morning for Marlette, Mich. going home from there.

On Mon. Crist Swareys and 3 children, Path Valley, Pa., Ezra Swareys, Lanc. Co., Pa. and Enos Swarey and 4-yr.-old son, Path Valley, Pa. were with Yost D. Yoders for dinner and supper.

Monday Amanda and I went with Walters to Elizabeth Hochstetlers and to John Henry Coblentzes' for dinner. David Grabers were also there.

In p.m. we went to the St. Mary's Hospital where Walters wanted to see Bob and Jean Arther. Jean had a stroke last fall and has again been in the hospital for the last 3 weeks. She gets around with a wheel chair.

While in there we found as patients Mrs. Murray Kingdon who has been in and out of the hospital with cancer. Lloyd Robbins is also in again. Then we made a call with Rufus E. Yoders.

Walters left Amanda and I off at home and they went to Alvins for supper. Coming here for the night, the Path Valley folks left for home early this morning.

Yesterday (Mon.) David Albrechts and daughters, Emmaline, Adline and Lorene, and Aaron Waglers were here from Milverton to visit Melvin Albrecht family.

Today was the school picnic with a ball game in p.m. for the young men, boys and schoolchildren. Reuben Graber ran to get the ball making a misstep up on the lane and he fell, cutting a gash underneath his chin. The dr. put in 12 stitches after removing a lot of fine gravel and sand.

May 28--The John Henry Coblentz family went down to see their new grandson at Noah Gaschos' of Aylmer last Wed. evening. They took supper along. John Muir was their driver.

The Enos Yoder family also went along taking supper along to Junior Eichers' and Mrs. Yoder's parents, Jacob Eichers.

Church yesterday at Alvin E. Yoders'. Mrs. Enos Yoder and children Karen, Elmer and baby Susie were absent as Susie was sick with sore throat and ear infection.

Albert Dunseith died Sat. morning. Funeral on Tues.

Jonas Hertzler and wife and David Graber and wife expect to leave today at 9:30 with one of the Gascho vans. Jonas Hertzlers to Wis. and David Grabers to Minn., Pine City and Bertha. Jonas plans to be home by last of the week and Davids will be gone a few weeks.

Reuben Graber is to have the stitches taken out this morning.

The young folks, Elizabeth Hochstetler and Ivan had supper with Eli Petersheims on Ascension Day.

Sam and Lydia Hertzler are gathering eggs 6 days a week for a fellow west of Wellburn.

Mrs. Elmer Yoder

PETERSBURG, ONT., CAN.

New Hamburg Conservative Mennonite Church

May 29--Temperatures remain cool but grain and corn fields are growing nicely. Strawberries are in blossom and asparagus is being enjoyed.

Our sewing circle sisters enjoyed a day of quilting and fellowship with the sisters of the Lakeview Congregation of Zurich, at the home of Alvin Gingerichs.

The youth of our congregation met at the home of a neighbor, Mr. and Mrs. Sherk recently to pick stones from a 40-acre field. The Sherk's suffered a tragedy this spring when four children were killed in a car accident. Two children were from their family and two from a neighbor family. The young people met afterwards at the home of Paul Hubers for a barbeque.

The teachers, pupils and mothers of the pupils of Cornerstone School enjoyed a bus trip recently to the Botanical Gardens in Hamilton to see the vast display of tulips.

Cornerstone Christian School is scheduled to close on June 15. The annual school picnic is to be held on June 14.

Grover Greenhouse has been a busy place the past few weeks. The new greenhouse built after the fire has proved very efficient.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Koch of Conestoga celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on May 27th, with an open house held at the St. Jacobs Church. Oliver is a brother of Mabel Kufske of New Hamburg.

MOSSLEY, ONT., CANADA

May 28--Farmers are busy in the fields again after the rainy weather. Quite a few finished planting corn last week. Oats fields are looking real good.

A son named Levi was born to Tobias and Malinda Miller last Tuesday. Levi Millers and Enos Yoders are grandparents.

Yest. W. gma was at Phineas B.'s and is bestell't at Wm. C. Borntréger Srs'. in 2 weeks.

Last Sunday E. gma was at Chris B.'s. Visitors were Ezra Swareys and children, Chris Swareys and children, David Swareys and children and Enos Swarey and son from various settlements in Pa. and Mrs. Eli Petersheim from Lakeside.

The Swarey children were here as Mrs. Ella Swarey had a small auction on the 19th to dispose of Enos' tools. Yost Yoders of Lakeside also attended the sale on Sat.

Clemens Borntréger

Arnold and Carol Good and family visited at the home of Gerry and Susie Wagler of Shakespeare on Sunday.

Visitors at our home on Sunday were Catherine Albrecht of Brunner and Florence Martin of Baden.

Aaron & Mary Good

MILVERTON, ONT., CAN.

May 22--A nice sunny morning again after nearly a week of cool, wet weather. Grain fields look real nice.

On Sun. church services in Southwest dist. were held at Lorne Kuepfer's, by Bish. Rufus Kuepfer and John Jantzi.

Last Sat. morn. Sam & Tena Jantzi, Noah Jantzi, and Jake & Catherine Streicher left for California with Don Ropp as driver, so they could be there to be with Mrs. Allan (Laura) Kuepfer when she had the operation. Allan and Laura, their son Wayne, and dau. Christena, left on Mon. morn. by plane. Allan's family all went along to the airport, to see them leave, which turned out to be the final farewell for the children at home, as she did not recover from the operation. I understand her lungs were in worse shape than expected, also had an enlarged heart, and she died during the night.

The group that was in California all came home by plane on Sat., and it is expected Laura's body should arrive today. The funeral has been set for Fri. She received much care as her breathing conditions worsened, having a high flow of oxygen steady the last while, and even just talking was hard on her.

Their address is Allan K. Kuepfer, R.R. 1, Milverton, Ont. NOK 1M0. She was 49 years old.

Surviving are her husband, six sons, Lester, Wayne, Elwood, Enos, Clayton and Gerald, and 2 daus., Mrs. Raymond (Laurann) Kuepfer and Christene, and 7 grandchildren, 2 brothers, Solomon and Gideon, and 4 sisters, Mrs. Jake (Catherine) Streicher, Mrs. David (Eva) Streicher, Mrs. Corneilious (Esther) Albrecht and Mrs. Mahlon (Erma) Schmidt.

James and Christena Ebersol's son Jonathan, who was very sick in the intensive care unit in London Hospital, is improving, and is getting up and around.

We visited LeRoy Kuepfer in the hospital last night and he seems to be feeling better.

David K. Kuepfer

MILLBANK, ONT., CAN.**Cedar Grove A.M. Church**

June 1--We are enjoying beautiful, sunny weather. Gardens are growing very fast as we have had an abundant spring showers.

Weekend visitors from Holmes Co., Oh., May 6th were ministers Mose Miller and John J. C. Miller and wife. Mose Miller preached at Fairhaven, Sun. morning, both at Cedar Grove in the evening.

Pleasantly surprising Aaron L. and Katie Jantzi were Adlai and Lena Yoder, Sullivan, Ill., Toby and Fannie Mast, Arthur, Ill. and David and Susanna Hershberger. They are Fla. friends of Aarons' and were also planning to visit at Alymer, Ont.

We are blessed with weddings. Emanuel Lichty's son Paul and Martha Martin were married May 17. Also Sat., May 19, Aaron L. Jantzis' son Robert and Anne, dau. of Henry Albrechts. These weddings were both at Mornington A.M. Church. Vernon and Linda Jantzi and family from Warren, Ont. attended both weddings. Attending from Belleville, Pa. for Robert and Anne's wedding were David Peachey, David Kurtz, Karole Peight, Maryann Yoder and Marlene Peachey. Also attending were Murry and Karen Jantzi and family from Warren, Ont.

Many hands made light work at our annual church cleaning, May 22. The next evening we gathered at the Wellesley Fellowship hall, on behalf of Melvin and Norma Jantzi. Singing and fellowship was enjoyed by everyone. Melvins moved May 27 to Waterville, Maine. Unfortunately, Melvin is wearing a cast on his leg and depends on crutches to walk, as results of a cow kicking him.

The New Hamburg relief sale was Sat., May 26th. They sell lots of quilts every year. Tasty, fresh, strawberry pies are made and sold by the piece, as people stand in line and wait. One pie was sold over auction for \$100.00.

Sat., May 26, was the wedding of Arnold Jantzi and Rosemary Wagler, at Cedar Grove. Arnold is Aaron J. Jantzis' son, Rosemary is a dau. of Omar Waglers. They had worked a term at Faith Mission Home, Va. Visitors coming from Va. were Simeon Heges, Nathan Yoders, Ken Kuhns, David Rabers, William Peachey and 2 boys who live at the home. Also a van load from Belleville, Pa. and also some from Ohio.

Peter and Mary Ellen Kuepfer have chosen June 9th for their wedding day. Peter is Mahlon and Mary Gerber's son. Mary Ellen's parents are Ezra and Eva Kuepfer.

Mary Ellen Gerber

AYLMER, ONT., CANADA

June 5--Our ordinations are now history. The new bishop for West dist. is Peter Stoll, 29, son of Joe Stolls. His wife is Nettie, dau. of John Henry Coblentzes of Lakeside. The other two ministers, Ezra Wagler and Joe Stoll, shared the lot. Peters have four children. Ministry here to help us were Bish. Jonas Hertzers, Ministers John Henry Coblentzes and Melvin Albrechts of Lakeside. From Hillsboro were Bish. Sam Chupps, Ministers Joe Coblentzes and Ernest Grabers. The Hillsboro load stayed for both ordinations.

In the East dist. the new minister is Joe Gascho, 46, son of (the late) Noah and Nancy Gascho. Rosemary is a daughter of Dave Waglers (Bloomfield scribe). They have 12 children, all at home yet. Oldest is 23. Others in the lot were Dea. Stephen Stoll and sons James, Daniel, Harold, and Nathaniel, Alva and Jr. Eicher, Lewis Swartzentruber and Harvey Wengerd.

Ministry here to help besides the Hillsboro load are Bish. Joe Eicher and Min. John Jr. Miller of Mio, Min. Menno Miller of Hale. Also on the Mich. load are Harvey Lambrights and Floyd Hochstetlers of Hale and Rosa Kuhns of Mio. Everyone will leave for home tomorrow, Wed.

Ervin Miller was not doing so good with his injured leg so they took him to the doctor yesterday. He still has a lot of pain and also had fever. He attended their communion a week ago but wasn't able to attend the ordinations.

Monday afternoon the South dist. had special services for the Hillsboro ministry which Ervin had to miss out on too.

Harvey Wengerds received the death message of his great-uncle, Bish. Eli Lehman of LaGrange but couldn't go to the funeral on account of the ordination.

Bish. Ervin and Min. John Hochstetlers from Ind. arrived last night for an overnight visit, on their way to New York for a wedding. Johns are parents to the above mentioned Floyds from Hale.

Robert Alexanders and Luke Gascho are leaving this morning for Mio to attend Norman and Lori (Wagler) Miller's wedding. Polly Anna Stoll

MILVERTON, ONT., CANADA

June 5--On Sat. it was very warm and humid and rained a bit during the night then Sunday afternoon it turned real windy and snapped off 14 hydro poles in a row east of here. Sunday night was cold and windy then it cleared up and we had a real white frost this morning.

On Sunday church services in southwest dist. were held at Lorne A. Kuepfers', by Mahlon Schmidt and Peter Kuepfer. Middle dist. was at John Kuepfers'.

John, son of Clarence and Sarah Kuepfer, went to the hospital last week with pains in his stomach. He was later transferred from Stratford to London. I haven't heard yet what his trouble is.

James Ebersol's son Jonathan is also home from the hospital and is slowly improving.

Petie N. Schwartzes from Mo. are in this area, intending to take in the 2 of Dan Jantzis childrens' weddings.

Hog prices are rising. "Paper" pigs sold for \$1.42 per pound at Milverton yesterday. No, they aren't really paper pigs, it's just that they're listed on a sheet with the consigners name, number of pigs, and their weight. They are sold by auction, then the buyers can go directly to the farm to pick them up without getting in contact with other pigs. Fat hogs were up to \$2.11 per K.G. which is probably as confusing to the Americans as it is to the Canadians too.

David K. Kuepfer

MOSSLEY, ONT., CANADA

June 4--Had 1 1/4 in. rain Sat. night and last eve. another 3/10.

Yest. E. gma was held at Chris W.B.'s and bestellt at Edward Yoders' in 2 weeks. Weddings bells are ringing for Henry (Levi) Miller and Ida (Enos) Yoder. Wedding to be June 14.

Sat. p.m. Tobias Miller was riding a horse and flew off and kinda knocked him out. Guess he was still kinda ferhuddled yest. at times. He bit through his lower lip, got his nose banged up and bruises on his chest, also had quite a headache yest. yet.

Fri. eve. some of the Borntragers were at William Jrs'. to put up a picket fence. While doing some sawing with the tablesaw a cut off end of a board flew against Samuel B.'s nose and nearly knocked him out. Later their son Daniel fainted when he was looking at his dad too much.

Corn is pretty well all planted. Some of the natives are planting beans and a few early birds have put some hay in.

Johns and Joni Millers expect to go to Lakeside today to Eli Petersheims'. Young folks and some more are invited to Levi H.'s today. Rudy Borntragers and 4 youngest went to Marlette, Mich. Thurs. and expect to come home Thur. of this week. Ab Kauffmans intend to go for Marlette today and also come home on Thurs. Clemens Borntrager

DESBORO, ONT., CANADA

June 3--East dist. gross gma was held at Bish. Joe A. Millers' today, with West diener and Emery J. Weavers attending. A deacon was ordained today. From 5, the lot fell on Emanuel L. Shetler, son of Pre. Levi L. Shetlers of Heuvelton, N.Y. area. Age is 34, having a family of 5. They live on the home farm at Rt. 2, Chatsworth.

Weather turned warm and humid the last of this week with temp. at 84° and various thundershowers. On Fri. morning a hard crack put out the electric at an English friend's place. Also a bolt of lightning struck the new hosp. in Owen Sound, kicking the power off. Fortunately, both places had a standby generator for emergency.

This afternoon a strong wind and thunderstorm took down several trees, including a pear tree at Joe Millers'.

Toby E. Mast had his team make short work of a 2-furrow plow recently when they took off when he left them unattended. After various somersaults the plow became unhitched, leaving the horses with only the 5 horse eveners. They practically wore themselves out before stopping. The plow is quite beyond repair.

Andy A. Yoder had a similar experience several weeks earlier one windy day while hauling manure. The wind rattled a piece of sheet metal which caused the team to take off right out of the barn. They hit a stone fence, flipped the manure spreader and dragged it upside down for quite a distance before giving up. The spreader was also totaled.

Bish. Joe A. Millers have moved into the doudy house part recently and Andy A. Yoder into the big part.

John J. Stutzmans arrived home on Fri. from visiting in the Clare and Gladwin, Mich. areas.

Levi J. Stutzmans are expected home from their Medina Co., Oh. trip sometime this week.

One dozen Amishmen attended a 3½ hr. meeting of over 200 area residents from Sullivan Twp. on Thurs. evening in Desboro town hall in regards to an Englishman's plans to extract gravel from an area farm of 400 acres. He plans to make a 150 acre lake, plus a campground and a housing development. This is just one block south of here on the levellest lowland farm and some say about the best farmland in this township! It's right next to the 140 acre McCullough Lake which is mostly surrounded with cottages, but also a fair amount of permanent residents.

The proposal was to take out 150,000 tons of "Class A" gravel each year for 36! And all for export! This would create a serious problem with approx. 60 trailer truck loads a day leaving the pit. Also a hazard for dust, noise and pollution, etc. We'd all have to suffer for one man's wealth. Needless to say, a very strong opposition of around 98% or more are against it. Some say they will fight this to the last drop. They expect this could take up to 3 years of various meetings and court cases.

Our farm was also tested last fall for gravel and we are on the north end of the 1,000 acres of "Class A" gravel from 20 to 25 ft. deep. (The north ¼ of this farm runs out of this "gravel belt").

Mon. morning--Moisture is quite welcome, but would be better at least 20° warmer. Corn is 2 to 3" tall now.

Noah Stutzman

CHESLEY, ONT., CANADA

June 4--Our weather is wet and cool after a week of nice days.

We got our first good thundershower for this spring on Sat. morning followed by more rain during the night.

East dist. gros gma was yesterday at Bish. Joe Millers' where a deacon was ordained with the lot falling on Emanuel L. Shetler of R. 2, Chatsworth. He is the oldest son of Pre. Levi L. Shetler of N.Y. and she is a dau. of Dan J. Zooks of here. There were 5 in the lot.

West dist. gros gma is to be at neighbor Joe J. Stutzmans' June 10th.

I was rather surprised to receive the extra edition of The Budget for their 100th anniversary. The editor and staff have done a marvelous job of bringing back the past.

The younger generation of today can hardly grasp how it was then.

Even in the 50 years that I can remember I have seen tremendous changes everywhere. When an airplane went over you went out to see it. When I started to school our teacher told us the time was coming when airplanes would fly 1000 miles an hour. We figured he had too much sand in his brains. Such things would never come to pass but now we see his prediction was true.

This is the time of year when people are enjoying fresh fish from the rivers or lakes. Our bass season does not open until June 30 this year.

Noah Stutzman

DAWSON CREEK, B.C., CANADA

June 5--Nice weather for 2 weeks so they seeded day and night. Then it started raining again, so we still have 3 days left to seed rape. It is mostly cloudy and a shower off and on. Everything is so nice and green. We never had so much rain in the spring.

There will be a lot of weddings all through June and July. My dau.-in-law's bro. is getting married July 1 so we will go to the wedding at Quill Lake Col., Sask. I have 2 daus. there.

Our 2 teachers went to southern Alberta to a school meeting in Lethbridge. Just the Hutterite school teachers were supposed to go. They had to replace 2 other teachers. We have a 2-room school. 30 children altogether.

Mary Hofer

NEWTON, ONT., CANADA

May 29--Crops and gardens are mainly planted all but beans, which are being planted now.

Robert Jantzi, son of Aaron and Katie Jantzi, and Ann Albrecht, dau. of Henry and Magdalena Albrecht, were married May 19 at the Mornington A.M. Church. Those attending from our church were Jonas Albrechts and family Ivan Streichers and family, Lorne and Sarah Kuepfer, Laura Carter, Steven Streichers and Edith and Alvin Wagler and Mrs. Veronica Albrecht.

Aronold, son of Aaron and Esther Jantzi, and Rosemary, dau. of Ohmer and Viola Wagler, were married May 26 at Cedar Grove A.M. Church. Attending from our church were Jonas Albrechts and family, Murray Kuepfers and Amanda, Steven Streichers and Raymond Kuepfers.

Peter, son of Mahlon Gerbers, and Mary Ellen, dau. of Ezra J. Kuepfers, were published Sun. with plans to be married June 9.

Published in our church Sun. were Gerald Kuepfer, son of Kenneth and Esther, and our dau. Darlene, with plans to be married June 16.

Overnight guests with Joel and Lydiann Wagler Thurs. and Fri. night were Rudy and Lydiann Schwartz, John and Josephine Graber, and Reuben and Verna Graber from Ind. They, along with some other couples were here to attend the funeral of Laura, Mrs. Allan Kuepfer on Fri.

Aaron, Sarah and Fannie Streicher and Marilyn Kuepfer left Fri. for Lanc. Co., Pa. with plans to return home today.

Cleason Sauders, Wesley Martins, Clayton Martins and Noah Bearingers of the Linwood area, also Solomon Wagler Jrs. and Lorne Kuepfers were supper guests with Aaron J. Kuepfers. They also attended our church singing in eve.

Mrs. Allan Streicher

LINWOOD, ONT., CANADA

June 4--It was a cool week with a bit of a frost again one morning. Corn fields developed a hard crust over the 2 wet, cool weeks and the little plants have trouble breaking through. Farmers are trying to help them through by breaking the crust with rotary hoes, cultipackers or diamond harrows.

The James Albrecht-Rosann Jantzi wedding was held at Dan K. Jantzies' on Thurs., May 31. Guests from other communities were the Joes, Dan L.s and David Jantzis from Aylmer, Sam Zehrs of Chesley and Pete Schwartzes of Seymour, Mo. These are all uncles and aunts of the bride and/or groom.

This writer missed part of the wedding as I had Henry Lockstein (Aylmer driver) take me from there to Shouldice Surgery (hosp.) for a hernia exmination, as I had been told on Tues. by our family doctor, that I have a hernia. At Shouldice, it was confirmed that I have a hernia and they could make an appointment for surgery in several weeks. I said that we had plans to go west in several weeks and asked if there were any cancelations that I could perhaps get in sooner. So they checked and said I could come in yest. for surgery today. So here I am in Thornhill at the hosp.

There are at least 30 here who will have surgery today. This is just after 7 a.m. and the first ones have gone down. My turn comes in about 3 hours.

I am scheduled to be released Thurs. morning, but hoping to get out Wed., hoping to attend the Vernon Jantzi-Pauline Jantzi wedding on Thurs.

Bro. Lloyds had a mishap coming home from last Thursday's wedding, when a huge white dog came rushing out of a driveway and scared their horse. They all got dumped in the ditch, but were lucky to get by with only minor scratches and bruises. Their carriage shafts were broken and their horse was lame, so the dog's owner drove them home, all but Ezra, who led the horse the rest of the way home, approx. 6 miles.

Elmer Kuepfer

LINWOOD, ONT., CANADA

June 11—Church yesterday was at Amos and Marie Kuepfer's. Sermons were by Bish. Joe Kuepfer, and Sam Jantzi. Text by David K. Kuepfer.

My hernia operation at Shouldice Hospital in Thornhill (Toronto) last Monday, is now history. A bit of coaxing got me out a day early, on Wednesday. Then on Thurs. morn., Mom and I walked about 2½ miles to Vernon and Pauline Jantzi's wedding at Norman Jantzi's.

Wedding services were by Eli Kuepfer (Pauline's grandfather) and Israel Kuepfer and Bishop Joe Kuepfer. Attending from other communities were the uncles, aunts and cousins, the Zehrs, Jantzis and Schwartzes, mostly same as the Albrecht-Jantzi wedding last week.

A few thoughts on my stay at Shouldice. Beautiful grounds, really a private park with trees, flowers, tame squirrels, rabbits and birds. Friendly people from all over Canada and U.S.A. Lots of cheer and goodwill. Just don't try to make anyone laugh too much, or you will get it back in full measure (ouch!). We met the Benuel L. Stoltzfuses of New Holland,

Pa., who came in Tues. for his operation Wednesday.

Daughter Marilyn had an operation Friday in Kitchener for removal of all four wisdom teeth and another tooth that wasn't where it should have been.

Verna is teaching her last week of school for this term, and the picnic is to be on Friday.

Some farmers were busy re-planting their corn last week. Some of the early planted corn hadn't made it up through the cold, wet ground and the hard crust which had developed on most fields.

Jonas Kuepfers had a little misadventure last Sunday when their horse took off down the drive, apparently trying to set a record, which resulted in a pile-up at the shop, with everyone thrown out. No broken bones, but some painful bumps and bruises, and another job for Emanuel Wagler's buggy shop.

Elmer Kuepfer

CHESLEY, ONT., CAN.

June 14—We had lots of cool dry weather that corn and gardens were very slow. That has suddenly changed to warm, sticky weather with a few nice showers.

West dist. communion was June 10. Church is to be at Noah Shetler's next.

Sam D. Yoder of Wayne Co. attended church last Sunday. Sams are in the area to visit his sister and also had tonsils removed for one of their children in Hanover.

Other visitors here are Atlee Millers of Sugar Grove. They had tonsils removed for 2 of their children yesterday. Traveling with them are Dan D. Millers from Sugar Grove. They came here from Lucknow and expect to leave tomorrow for Norwich, Ont.

There was a meeting in Desboro recently on behalf of Ron Klages who came up with a proposal to rezone the nice flat land of the former Heiderman Farm so he can turn it into a huge gravel pit. The end result 25-30 years down the road is to be a lake and park after development is finished.

His request was rejected by the council and the public. Ron says he intends to appeal his case. The opposition says they will go to the highest courts to win if they have to.

If Mr. Klages wins we can expect a loaded tractor trailer to pull out of there every 10 minutes from spring until freeze-up in the fall. This would put a lot of extra traffic on the road past 2 of our schools which will not be nice for children walking or driving to school. The small amount of revenue this would generate is not sufficient to the township to keep the roads up in good repair.

Andy Mair had the misfortune of breaking his leg at the knee while cutting firewood. A tree that he had cut down came sideways when he was cutting some under limbs and caught his leg. He managed to crawl on his tractor and drive out to the road where he stopped a car for help.

Williard Albright is not well at all with cancer again. They were not able to do much for him this time at the hospital.

Joan McKinnon, a well-known postal worker of Chesley, passed away on June 3rd in her 59th year. After taking the flu this past winter she never seemed to completely recover. She finally went to the hospital where they found she had cancer. She lived less than 2 weeks after discovering what the problem was. Joan was a dau. of the former Griffith who had a grocery store in Chesley at the time this settlement started.

Andy J. Millers are having frolics these days to put in some crops and also some work in the house on the former Joe Corlett farm (Kingham area) where they expect to move by next week.

After they vacate the Hershberger farm, we want to take the plaster off the kitchen and then insulate it and drywall to make ready for our dau., the Jacob Yoders by fall when Levi Yoders need their dress house again to kill chickens, etc.

Noah Stutzman

ELMIRA, ONT., CANADA

June 7—Pleasant weather. So far we've had adequate moisture. Some farmers are cutting alfalfa.

On Sun. we had the pleasure of having Ivan Hurst from Pa., ministering to us at Elmira. Abner Gingrich had the opening message and Dea. Cleason Martin read the text. Ivan Hurst attended a deaf gathering at Lloyd and Vera Martin's on Sat. A number of people from south of the border attended.

Stuart, son of Samuel Martins and Sandra, dau. of Clarence Webers were married on May 30.

On June 1st Murray, son of Orlan Martins and Bernice, dau. of Mervin Lichtys, were united in marriage.

June 6 was the wedding day of Kenneth, son of Henry Webers and Judy, dau. of Peter Freys.

Larry, son of Leonard and Eileen Martin and Susan, dau. of Ivan Kramers, have been published and their wedding is planned for June 15.

Neil, son of Mrs. Abner Wideman and Linda, dau. of Mrs. Aden Frey, have also been published and their wedding date is June 22.

James and Lorraine Brubacker welcomed their second child, second son to their family on May 6. Grandparents are Alvin Brubachers and Amzi Widemans.

Nelson and Lizzie Reist, welcomed their 6th child, 4th son to their family on June 1. Grandparents are Eli Reists and Leander R. Martins.

We got word that Mrs. Owen (Martha) Martin died today. She wasn't well the last year and was cared for by her husband and son Edward and family where she was at home. Edwards' oldest dau. Ellen helps out at our place 2 days a week this summer.

Min. Abner Gingrichs, Dea. Alvin Martins and Edgar Gingrichs went to Pa. for a deacon ordination this week.

Noah Shantz, a multiple sclerosis patient, wasn't well and has been hospitalized. They discovered he also has diabetes and needs to take insulin by needle. Noah and someone else in the family has to learn how to administer it. I'm not sure whether he is still in the hosp. or not.

Their address is R.R. 1, Waterloo, Ont. N2J 4G8. I'm sure he appreciates mail.

On Sun. evening we had a quite a windstorm which snapped off 14 hydro poles on one road west of us. The power was off for about 21 hours. This affected about 2,000 residents in the area. The generators got a good workout once again.

Cleon Bauman

AYLMER, ONT., CAN.

June 11—Today for the first time the South and West districts had church on the same day. Since West now has a bishop our church Sun. was changed.

Visitors in West at Alva Stolls' were Min. David Kings and 9 children, Elias Kings, and also a married dau. and family. Next services to be at Wayne Bender's.

In South dist. at Dan Jantzi's visitors were Bish. Henry Bender, Min. Mark Millers of Kalona and Min. Wilbur C. Millers of LaGrange. The latter named visitors will take Audrey Yoder and Orpha Miller along home. Services to be at Mervin Miller's next.

Starting instruction class in S. district are Verna Miller (Erwins) and Miriam Luthy. In W. dist. it's Michael Stoll (Iras), Peter Wagler (Edwins), Dietrich Reimer, Dannie Ray and Fannie May Miller (D. Jr.'s) and Hannah Stoll (my dau.).

Bish. John Yoders and Sam Troyers, also Lewis Mast, all of Dover, De. were through here and we had church for them Fri. afternoon.

Published for a June 28th wedding are Lewis Mast and Mary Swartzentruber. They will live in the tenant house on the Wayne Bender farm.

Polly Anna Stoll

MILVERTON, ONT., CAN**Conservative Mennonite Fellowship**

June 2—Mrs. Clair Biehn was hospitalized when she fractured her hip.

Esther Gascho (Dans) is back from Guatemala for a 2-mo. furlough. She plans to return in July for a 2-year term.

We welcome Arnold and Sharon Yoder back to this area. Bro. Ralph and Katie Gerber traveled to Kenabeek on May 9, enjoyed communion services and returned May 14. They were also at Grace Fellowship, Ind. from May 25-28 for the same services. Mahlon and Mary Gerber and Mary Lichti accompanied them to visit Mahlons' dau. Lucy and family.

Mahlon and Mary Gerber took Mary Lichti to Oh. to attend the funeral of Mary's bro. Robert Schmucker in Hartville, Oh. on June 2.

Our Junior's instruction class includes Rolando Neri (formerly from El Salvador, residing with Donnie Gerbers), Enos Huber (staying at Ralph Gerbers'), Dorvan Streicher (Floyds), Stewart Gerber (Mahlons), Christine Zehr (Joes), Rachel Joy Gerber (Floyds) and Rebecca Gerber (Nelsons).

We enjoyed a week of meetings from May 29 till June 3. Bro. David Fischer, his wife and 5 children were with us from Va.

Our ministry, Bro. Ralph Gerbers, Bro. Dan Gaschos and Bro. Delmar Lichtis are at Pine Shore, Md. for the ordination, June 10. Bro. Ronnie Gascho was ordained deacon. They are also having a ministers' meeting there on June 11.

Dannie R. Gerber

STIRLING, ALBERTA, CAN

June 10--John, Leila and Lois Hofer are currently in Missouri visiting family, Steve Hofers of El Dorado and Marvin Rohrsers of Grandin.

Linda Ulrich and children, Arizona, are visiting her family here.

Jake Hofers are anticipating a busy summer with 2 weddings coming up. Joyce Hofer and Tim Eveleth have announced their engagement and are planning an October wedding. Marilyn Hofer and Mark Miller also announced theirs and have set their date for late August.

Due to uncooperative weather, farmers in this area are struggling to get the last of their crops in. It has been an unusually wet spring this year.

Idie and Morris Hostetler are here visiting her folks, Marvin and Bertha Hostetler.

The Nevin Derstine family, Fairfield, Montana, were also visitors at church this morning.

Paul and Wilma Zehr and family of Oregon stopped in on their way to Baytree, Alberta where the western fellowship meetings are being held this year.

M. Hofer

LINWOOD, ONT., CANADA

June 18--The warm, humid weather of the last few days has brought us a thunderstorm this early morning.

Mrs. Joe Kipfer spent a few days in hospital recently, with a broken ankle, received while working in the garden.

On Sat. we moved the kerosene lamp and clock inventory out of my shop, into our daughter's little store, this side of the yard. They will be selling these, along with footwear. They are still short, some stock but open for business.

Leaving for Indiana and Seymour, Mo. on Saturday morning was a van load including bishop Joe Kuepfers, Ammon Schmidts, Lydia and Adeline Kuepfer and Mrs. John L. Jantzi and one of their daughters.

Elmer Kuepfer

RAYMOND, ALBERTA, CAN.

June 4--The rains of the past few weeks have been very unusual. Farmers who are not finished with seeding are grateful for some drying winds, so they can get back on the fields again.

Dorcas Layman flew to Lethbridge with Clair and Clara Schnupp. On May 22, Joan (Frey) Hofer, Dorcas and I spent the day together. After touring the Japanese Gardens we went shopping in Lethbridge. Joan & I are former workers with the Northern Youth Programs and Dorcas is there now.

May 20, the Prairie Mennonite Church had a house warming and grocery shower for us. Those who were able to spend the evening with us were Ken

Weavers, Pete Peters, Wayne Stelfox and Mrs. Sam Hofer Sr.

Our minister, Pete Peters, made a trip to B.C. May 25-28 on business for Christian Light Press.

We welcome the John Heatwole family back after their two-month trip east to Penn. and Virg.

June 14--Strong winds blew on June 11 and 12. Some who wanted to work outside were forced to stop, such as carpenters on ladders.

Overnight guests at our house on June 5 were Randall and Dora Jean (Zimmerman) Plett. Their two youngest children were along. Two-year-old Maynard had his arm in a cast. He broke his arm in five places from a fall. The Pletts are here on furlough. They are serving in the Philippines. Dora Jean is my cousin.

Robert & Lois (Hege) Loewen

MOSSLEY, ONT., CANADA

June 18--Last Thurs. was the wedding of Henry and Ida (Yoder) Miller. Their attendants were Bennie B.B. of Wilton, Wis. and Elizabeth D. Stutzman of Granton, Wis., Chester H. Kauffman of Marlette, Mich. and Sarah L. Miller of here. Tablewaiters were Felty T.B. of Wilton and Lydia C.B. of here, Rudy N. Gingerich of Utica, Minn. and Susie D.B. of Granton, Jake A.Y. and Sadie J.S. of Utica, John S.B. and Dena H.G. of Granton, Joni K. and Catherine T. of Marlette. Pups were Mary E.Y. of Utica, Esther T.B. of Amherst and Mary C.S. of Marlette.

There was a charter bus load from various settlements in Wis. which included the aged grandparents, John and Mattie Bornreger. Tobias Millers of Clark, Mo., Henry Kauffmans of Marlette and John Jr. B.'s of Granton were here the previous Sun. and attended W. gma at Wm. C.B. Sr.

Visitors in E. gma yest were Tobias Millers of Clark, the Alvin Yoder family of Lakeside and Mrs. Dannie Troyer and children of Marlette.

Clemens Bornreger

AYLMER, ONTARIO, CAN

June 18--Since Mrs. Harold Stoll had decided to stop writing, she has asked me to take her place. I have consented to give it a try.

Church was at Alva Eichers' yesterday, with a good attendance. It is to be at our house in 2 weeks. Those starting in the instruction class were Susan Hochstetler (Gerald), and Naomi Gascho (Joe). Starting in the South dist. last Sunday were Verna Miller (Ervin) and Miriam Luthy (David).

Visitors in church were Erma, Elvina and Sarah Martin, Lucinda Sauder, Elizabeth Lehman, Lucinda Brubacher, Onias Webers and George Martins from Elmira, Ontario.

We are having nice, sunny days with lots of hay being put in. Strawberries look like a promising crop.

Church services were held on Friday the 8th for visiting Bishop John Yoder from Dover, Delaware. Sam Troyers were also along.

Published to be married on June 28th are Lewis Mast (Elmer, Delaware), and Mary Swartzentruber (Lewis).

Johnny Streichers had invited all the young folks of the community for a nail pulling on Thursday evening. There was a large crowd and work for all. Johnnys are in the process of tearing down and rebuilding a barn they got from a neighbor.

Ida Mae Gascho

NORWICH, ONT., CANADA

June 10--Weather has been on the cool side with lots of moisture. Not much hay weather. Crops look good.

East dale church was at Dan L. Millers' today and is to be at Roman L. Millers'. West dale is to be at Melvin Shetlers' next Sunday. Pre. Levi A. Millers from Lucknow were in church.

Atlee Shetlers arrived home this week from a week's visit in Lucknow. Mary (Mrs. Dan) Gingerich and daughter Lizzie were here a week to visit her mother. Lizzie was to Lucknow several days.

William D. Shetlers and daughter Naomi left for Lucknow on Friday for a week's visit.

Mose Millers are leaving tomorrow for a trip to Marion, Ky., Ohio and Union City, Pa. They expect to be gone over a week.

The writer was to Marlette, Mich. on Tuesday on business. Abe Shetler from Marion, Ky. was there to check on a farm.

Roy G. Millers were to Lucknow to the barn raising at Noah Stutzmans' several days this week.

Our first strawberries were on the table today and looks like a real crop.

Dan G. Miller was to N.Y. on Friday with a load of heifers to put them on pasture.

Jonas Miller

ST. MARY'S, ONT., CANADA

Lakeside Dist.

June 11--Weather remains on the cool side with a day of sunshine and the next day cloudy. Strawberries are ripening and look as if a good crop.

Noah Hertzler came home from Mo. on May 29 and Jonas Hertzlers came home from Wis. June 1st.

Bish. Jonas Hertzlers, Min. John Henry Coblentzes and Min. Melvin Albrechts were in Aylmer community over last Sunday, June 3rd where a bish. was ordained. Son Henry E. Yoders, their married son Alvin, wife and two children, Anna Mary and Freeman from Hartly, Del. came to the writer's Thur. night after being in Clare, Mi. for a day and leaving some passengers in Aylmer.

Mark A. Miller, wife Dora from Riverside, Ia. and Wilbur C. Miller, wife Mattie Marie from La Grange, Ind. and Samuel S. Troyer, wife Elizabeth from Wyoming, Del. came Fri. evening.

On Sat. the above named strangers, Jonas Hertzler, wife Matilda and Elizabeth Hochstetler, Martha and Ivan were dinner guests with Amanda Yoder and her mother.

Mark and Wilbur Millers left Sat. evening for Aylmer community.

Sat. evening John J. Yoders from Dover, Del., Timothy Stolls and 3 children and Martha Stoll from Aylmer came up with the Del. driver, Johns, to Jonas Hertzlers' and Martha Stoll to Alvin Yoders' and Timothys to her parents', the John Henry Coblentzes.

Church yesterday at John Henry Coblentzes' with the above named strangers attending with the exception of Mark and Wilbur Millers. Sermon by Henry E. Yoder and Bish. John J. Yoder. Church to be at John Henrys' again in two weeks.

Melvin Albrecht Catherine was sick Sun. morning and not able to be present in church. Most of the strangers made a call with Melvins Sun. afternoon. Rufus Yoders took John Yoders for a call at Alvin Yoders', John Stutzmans' and Elizabeth Hochstetler's Sun. afternoon and took Johns back to John Henrys' for supper.

The Delaware folks left early this morning for the falls, then be home by this evening.

John L. Miller family and Joni L. Miller family from Mt. Elgin and Henry Troyer family had dinner with Eli Petersheims on Pinkst Monday.

Mrs. Elmer Yoder

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Bearinger 35
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Kufske 19-30
Kuhn 31-32
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Mc Clinton 14
Mc Intyres 24
Mc Kinnon 13-36
N1
Nerio 37
O1
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P1
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Penner 12
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R1
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Schneider 12
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Schrock 3
Schwartz 18-21-28-32-35-36
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